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**1806th REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 1, 2017
BOROUGH OF WOOD RIDGE
85 HUMBOLDT STREET
WOOD-RIDGE, NEW JERSEY 07075**

CALL TO ORDER:

I hereby call the Borough of Wood-Ridge Council meeting to order at _____ pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Will everyone please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor:	Paul Sarlo / Nicholas Donato
Council:	Dominick Azzolini / Christopher Musante
	Catherine Cassidy / Christopher Mursch
	Ezio Altamura / Victoria Von Busch
	Edward Marino / Natalie Romano
	Joseph DiMarco / Stephen Pepe
	Philip Romero / Nicholas Pronti
Borough Attorney:	Paul Barbire / Erica Ford
Borough Engineer:	Brian Intindola / Olivia Bhargava
Borough Clerk:	Gina Affuso / Jessica Vadillo
Borough Administrator:	Chris Eilert / Lawrence Greenaway

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT:

This meeting is being held in accordance with P.L. 1975, Chapter 231. The notice requirements have been met by forwarding appropriate notice to The Record, The North Jersey Herald News and Star Ledger setting forth the date, time and place of said meeting and by posting a copy of same on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATION:

None

ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING:

None

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ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE:

None

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

None

PETITIONS:

None

BIDS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications and correspondence received are identified on this evening's agenda has been distributed to all Council for appropriate action.

REPORTS OF GOVERNING BODY:

Mayor: Sarlo / Nicholas Donato

Council: Dominick Azzolini / Christopher Musante

Catherine Cassidy / Christopher Mursch

Ezio Altamura / Victoria Von Busch

Edward Marino / Natalie Romano

Joseph DiMarco / Stephen Pepe

Philip Romero / Nicholas Pronti

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Administrator Eilert / Lawrence Greenaway
Borough Clerk Affuso / Jessica Vadillo
Attorney Barbire/ Erica Ford
Engineer Neglia / Olivia Bhargava

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS:

Administration	Christopher Eilert / Lawrence Greenaway
Fire Department	Ken Schulz / Katie DiMeglio
Emergency Squad Captain	Eric Yapple/Nicole Pennisi
CFO/Finance	Nicholas Fargo / Daphne Mika
Department of Public Works	Christopher Eilert / Jonathan Menge
Construction Code Official	Paul Clemente / Jake Plosia
Police Department	Paul Goscinski / Jonathan Cox
Municipal Court Admin.	Sharon Grimaldi / Emily Altieri
Tax Collector	Jackie Sharkey / Corinne Rywalt
Emergency Management	Paul Dahl / Anthony Abramo
Welfare Director	Susan Frattarelli / Ashley Fernandez

REPORTS OF BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS:

Land Use Board	Frank Finke / Stephen Pepe
Shade Tree Commission	George Meglio / Anthony Jones
Board of Education	Edward Marino / Natalie Romano
Senior Citizens	Ezio Altamura / Victoria Von Busch
Recreation Commission	Dennis Brubaker / Alexandra Puga
Veterans	Ezio Altamura / Victoria Von Busch
Library Board	Margaret Mellett / Kristine Aponte
Local Assistance Board	Catherine Cassidy / Christopher Mursch
Board of Health	Gina Affuso / Jessica Vadilla

FIRST HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Mayor Sarlo / Nicholas Donato declare the Hearing of Citizens to be open. Anyone wishing to speak please come to the microphone in front of the room and state your name and address. Please speak clearly into the microphone.

Seeing none and hearing none further, I declare the Hearing of Citizens to be closed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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1. **MINUTES:**

Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 15, 2017.

2. **RESOLUTIONS:** Adoption of the following

- 050-2017 Resolution Approving Submission of 2016 LOSAP Certification Program.
- 051-2017 Resolution Approving Change Order #1 for Bianchi Memorial Park Phase II Site Improvements.
- 052-2017 Resolution Approving Close of Contract for Bianchi Memorial Park Phase II Site Improvements.

3. **APPLICATIONS:**

- a. Application for three coin operated vending machines at TGI Friday's on Route 17 South.
- b. Application from Rochelle Park Lodge 46 Charitable Foundation Inc., for a monthly on-premise 50/50 starting March 15, 2017 at the Fiesta.

All applications listed above have been reviewed and approved by the Wood-Ridge Police Department.

4. **SEMINAR APPROVALS:**

None

5. **APPOINTMENTS:**

None

6. **HIRINGS:**

None

Motion: Councilperson _____, seconded by _____ moved to the adoption of all matters on the above **CONSENT AGENDA.**

Roll Call: Azzolini/Musante, Cassidy/Mursch, Altamura/VonBusch, Marino/Romano, DiMarco/Pepe, Romero/Pronti

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Mayor Sarlo / Nicholas Donato declare the Hearing of Citizens to be open. Anyone wishing to speak please come to the microphone in front of the room and state your name and address. Please speak clearly and into the microphone.

Seeing none and hearing none further, I declare the Hearing of Citizens to be closed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson _____, seconded by Councilperson _____, moved for adjournment. By unanimous vote of the members of the Council present, the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge held on March 1, 2017 was duly adjourned at _____ p.m.

Minutes of the 1806th Regular Meeting of March 1, 2017

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WOOD-RIDGE, NEW JERSEY 07075**

CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Donato called the Borough of Wood-Ridge Council meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Mayor:	Nicholas Donato – present
Council:	Christopher Musante – present
	Christopher Mursch – present
	Victoria Von Busch – present
	Natalie Romano – present
	Stephen Pepe – present
	Nicholas Pronti – present
Borough Attorney:	Erica Ford – present
Borough Engineer:	Olivia Bhargava – present
Borough Clerk:	Jessica Vadillo – present
Borough Administrator:	Lawrence Greenaway – present

Mayor:	Paul Sarlo – present
Council:	Dominick Azzolini – present
	Catherine Cassidy – present
	Ezio Altamura – present Busch
	Edward Marino / Natalie Romano
	Joseph DiMarco – present
	Philip Romero – present
Borough Attorney:	Paul Barbire – present
Borough Engineer:	Brian Intindola – excused
Borough Clerk:	Gina Affuso – present
Borough Administrator:	Chris Eilert – present

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT: Read by Borough Clerk Jessica Vadillo

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CEREMONIAL PRESENTATION: None

ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING: None

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ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE: None

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING: None

PETITIONS: None

BIDS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

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REPORTS OF GOVERNING BODY:

Council President Dominick Azzolini / Christopher Musante' Report:

Good evening and welcome to Government Youth Day. Since my tenure on council I've had the privilege of serving on many committees, commissions and boards. I'm currently serving on the Finance, Shade Tree, and Emergency Management committees. And I have been the Commissioner of the Wood Ridge Fire Department and Emergency services for the last four years. The Fire & Emergency Services Committee has oversight of the Wood-Ridge Fire Department, Emergency Squad, Fire Prevention Bureau and the Office of Emergency Management and over all matters concerning fire protection and emergency services. The Fire Department is comprised of highly trained volunteers who answer the calls of their fellow Wood-Ridge residents. Their service saves the taxpayers of Wood Ridge literally millions of dollars each year. The Department's apparatus consists of 1 ladder truck, 3 engines, 1 rescue truck and 2 ambulances. Over the last few years we have used grant money to purchase new radio communication equipment and new breathing apparatus for the department. The Borough Council is committed to keeping the department well trained and well equipped in order to respond to the needs of the public.

Councilwoman Catherine Cassidy / Christopher Mursch's Report:

The Law, Land Use & Code Enforcement Committee has oversight over all legal matters including reviewing all municipal ordinances and maintaining the Council's By-Laws and the Borough's Code. In the interests of transparency, the Council By-Laws and all Borough Ordinances since 2010 are posted on the Borough website. Last year we updated the Borough's Code Book and loaded it on the Borough Website. It is now in an interactive, user friendly format that allows residents to conduct searches of different topics and aspects of the Borough's Code. This Committee also has oversight over the building department and planning board. This is very important for protecting our quality of life by ensuring that building codes and property maintenance standards are maintained and enforced.

Councilman Ezio Altamura / Victoria Von Busch's Report:

Police Department - Chief Paul Goscinski reports that Detective Matthew Mueller along with fellow members of the Bergen County Regional SWAT Team began Active Shooter Training at the C.E. Doyle School while the school was on recess on February 17th and February 20th. This is the first 8 hours of a 16-hour training certification. Officers learned new tactics on how to safely move through buildings when dealing with an Active Shooter situation. Councilman Altamura as police liaison attended a segment of the

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training and was impressed with the skill of the Wood-Ridge police officers. The training was possible with the cooperation of Superintendent Nicholas Cipriano and the Wood-Ridge Board of Education. Further training is looking to be scheduled in the month of April. Our Lady of the Assumption Church will be holding a special "Blue Mass" on Sunday, May 21st, 9:30 AM to honor all men and women in law enforcement.

Recreation – The monthly meeting of the Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, February 8, 2017. Chairman Brubaker reported that the 2017 Coaches Certification dates have been set for March 6, July 10th, July 31st and November 13th. Any new coach wishing to be certified must comply with the borough's coach's certification requirements. The Recreation Commission unanimously passed a Resolution endorsing the acquisition of 12 acres of recreation space that will be purchased and developed at Wesmont Station. The Milan Soccer Club will be offering a camp in Hoboken this summer and Iron Reign CrossFit will host a special program for our football players to stay in shape over the winter. Recreation Commission meetings are held monthly at borough hall.

Veterans - The Memorial Day parade committee began meeting monthly in preparation for this year's parade which will be held on Monday, May 29th. Memorial services begin at 10AM at the Veteran's Walk of Freedom, corner of Hackensack Street and Highland Avenue with the parade set to kick off at 11:30AM and conclude at Veteran's Park on Valley Blvd. Free Hot dogs, ice cream and entertainment will be offered to all those in attendance.

Public Information / Events / Website Development – Citizens interested in receiving alerts and other information in the Borough of Wood-Ridge can log onto the borough's newly renovated website, www.njwoodridge.org and sign up on our Nixel system.

Keep Wood-Ridge Beautiful - This year's 18th annual Keep Wood-Ridge Beautiful day will be held on Sunday, June 4th with volunteers once again needed. This annual project brings together residents, groups and students to help plant flowers throughout our public parks as well as remove litter along Valley Blvd. and Hackensack Street. A shredding service will also be offered to anyone who needs to dispose of papers and documents. Refreshments are served with many local businesses donating food and beverages. That concludes my report you're Honor.

Councilman Edward Marino / Natalie Romano's Report:

The Borough Finance Committee will be introducing the 2017 Municipal Budget, at our council meeting on April 12th. This year's budget will be below the 3.5% maximum appropriations cap and below the 2% maximum tax levy cap. The Borough had a very strong financial performance in 2016. Our AA Bond Rating was reiterated by Standards & Poors and we finished the year with a surplus balance of over \$3,000,000. We continue to maintain a very strong balance sheet with relatively low debt. Major cost savings have come from reducing the number of employees through attrition, providing lower cost employee benefits and implementing additional shared services with the Board of Education and other towns. Wood-Ridge uses shared services and/or joint purchasing for health and liability insurance, public health services, animal control, gasoline and diesel fuel, natural gas and electric, road salt, auto parts, 911 phone system, the police pistol range and vehicles and equipment for the Public Works, Police and Fire Departments.

Councilman Joseph DiMarco / Stephen Pepe's Report:

Building & Grounds Report - The Buildings & Grounds Committee has oversight over all Borough buildings, grounds, parks, playgrounds, athletic facilities, open space and right-of-ways. The Borough has been very aggressive in applying for grants to fund renovations to our buildings, parks and athletic fields. In the last 10 years we have received over \$2,000,000 in grants to renovate public parks, playgrounds, athletic fields and buildings. Last year major renovations occurred at all 3 of the town's athletic fields. New fencing, dug outs and bleachers were installed at 6th Street Field, artificial turf was installed at 14th Street Field and lights were installed at Donna Ricker Field at Wood-Ridge High School. Also last year, in a joint project with the Board of Education, a new state of the art playground was built behind Doyle School.

Merchant Group Report – the borough continues to support our local businesses and helping new establishments with their transition into the community. We are pleased to see that our newly located businesses like Angeloni's, Jersey Pizza, Mob Burger, Dunkin Donuts and Luigi's Deli and Meat Market are thriving in the community due to the continuous support from our community and surrounding towns. We are also pleased to report that the old Valley National Bank has been acquired and is in the remodeling process and has leased one space.

Board of Health – During the first meeting, the board nominated Ed Schmidt as the President and Robert Keller as Vice President for the year 2017. The board also swore in and welcomed its newest alternate member Christina Altamura. Our long standing president Debbie Greenaway has resigned and the board thanks her for all her years of service. In the month of January 2 marriage licenses were issued and 5 certified copies of marriage certificates were issued. There are also 304 dogs licensed in the borough.

Councilman Philip Romero / Nicholas Pronti's Report:

Public Works, Recycling, & Utilities Chairman's Report - The Public Works, Recycling & Utilities Committee has oversight over the Department of Public Works and the Borough's sanitary sewer system, streets, sidewalks, and municipal parking lots. It also has jurisdiction over all contracts for garbage and recycling collection and all matters concerning public utility services such as natural gas, electric, street lighting, water, telephone, cable television and internet provided by third party vendors. This winter so far, DPW has responded to 2 snow storms. Next month, the DPW will begin the spring clean ups of all Borough parks and playgrounds. Throughout the spring and summer months, they will clean all storm sewer catch basins and all sanitary sewer lines. During the summer and fall months, the DPW will prune and elevate shade trees and will replace all damaged and faded street and traffic signs throughout the Borough.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Administrator Eilert / Lawrence Greenaway's Report:

The Borough Administrator is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the Borough of Wood-Ridge. The Administrator reports to the Mayor and all department heads report to the Administrator. The Borough has 9 full time administrative staff. These staff members provide valuable services to our residents and perform state mandated tasks in the areas such as Finance, Tax, Purchasing, Recreation, Health & Vital Statistics, Construction & Code Enforcement and the Municipal Court. All administrative staff members have been cross-trained in multiple departments and duties. Having a flexible work force that can perform different duties in different departments has enabled the Borough to save money by eliminating 5 positions through attrition. By improving efficiency, utilizing technology and participating in shared services and joint purchasing programs we have been able to implement significant cost savings over the years.

Borough Clerk Affuso / Jessica Vadillo's Report:

As Borough Clerk, I take on many roles to serve as liaison between the Citizens of Wood-Ridge and the Administrator, Mayor and Council. Preparing the agenda for tonight's meeting is an integral part of my job. Putting a day like today together takes time, planning and a lot of work from all the staff in my office. I am also responsible for the preparation of materials for the candidates who will be running for office. It is my job to make sure that everything is done to the letter of the law in order to ensure the results of the election. As a reminder, the Primary Election is on Tuesday, June 6th. Please don't forget to vote. This Governing Body is proud to host many events in the Borough with Youth Day being at the top of the list. We would like to thank you for all participating and we hope you enjoyed your day.

Attorney Barbire/ Erica Ford's Report:

Tax appeal refunds in the 2016 tax year were mid-range. With vulnerable tax appeal cases an attempt is made to stage any settlement with the fiscal impact in mind. With that said 2017 will prove to be a more difficult year given a revaluation occurred in the Borough. Newly filed tax appeals for the tax year 2017 are being received by my office. I will advise the Mayor and Council of the total number of tax appeals filed for the tax year 2017 once my office collates same. See the agenda items for tonight's meeting wherein various resolutions and/or ordinances were prepared and presented by my office. My office also continues to prepare the required paperwork which is necessary in the normal course of Borough business.

Engineer Neglia / Olivia Bhargava's Report:

The Borough of Wood-Ridge Engineer provides the following services:

Designs roadways and drainage projects.

Provides cost estimates for capital improvements such as playgrounds and parks.

Coordinates and submits grant applications to the New Jersey Department of Transportation and County.

Assists with storm damage recovery.

Manages the construction of capital improvements.

Reviews contractor payment vouchers.

Submits annual reports to the State of New Jersey.

Inspects new public and private site and civil improvements.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS:

Chief of Fire Department Ken Schulz / Katie DiMeglio's Report:

In 2016 the Fire Department responded to over 300 fire calls and a combined total over 1,000 calls including Emergency Medical Responses. To date the fire responses for 2017 are approximately 30 calls. The Fire Department expects delivery of its new Engine in April 2017.

Emergency Squad Captain Eric Yapple / Nicole Pennisi's Report

The Wood-Ridge Fire Department Emergency Squad was established in 1937, as a subdivision of the Fire Department, to provide Emergency First Aid to our residents. We started with a used Cadillac Hearse and an eight hour First Aid class from the Red Cross. But we have grown to so much more in these 80 years.

Today, we are equipped with two Freightliner Master Medic Ambulances and have 12 Emergency Medical Technicians among our fifty Firefighters, as well as two trained paramedics within our ranks. We continue to provide 24/7/365 coverage of Wood-Ridge on a volunteer basis. We are also sometimes called upon to assist our neighboring towns when disaster strikes. As Captain of the Squad, I oversee approximately 750 calls for medical assistance annually and I also contribute my services to assist on the fire ground with an additional 300 calls for the Fire Department. I am responsible to ensure that all our members are trained to the State standards and that our ambulances are properly equipped and mechanically sound.

In the month of February, the Squad responded to 59 Calls for assistance of which 47 for Medical Emergencies, 4 Assistance at Fire Incidents, 8 Requests for Mutual Aid, resulting in 307.16 hours of manpower utilized.

We would also like to thank the Mayor and Council for their generosity – in providing the Squad with the most cutting edge technology used in Cardiac Arrest. We have in our arsenal two LUCAS II Mechanical CPR devices, as well as multiple Automatic External Defibrillators, which were unfortunately deployed recently and in the month of January, we were able to bring back two of our local residents from lethal heart rhythms, which allowed their families a chance for closure. The Squad is also currently sending seven members to EMT school at the County Technical School.

CFO Nicholas Fargo / Daphne Mika's Report:

The Chief Financial Officer is one of the four statutory positions which a municipality must have under state law. To be a CFO, you must have a bachelor's degree in accounting or business administration and must pass the NJ Certified Municipal Finance Officers exam. The CFO must work with various other municipal officers to perform his duties. The CFO works with the Borough Administrator to develop and administer the municipal budget. He works with the Borough Auditor to prepare the annual financial statements. He works with the Bond Counsel to issue bonds and notes which fund capital projects such as road paving and building renovations. The Borough of Wood-Ridge has a AA bond rating. Our budget is well below both the appropriations and tax levy caps. We have over \$3,000,000 in surplus and relatively low debt and liabilities.

Department of Public Works Christopher Eilert / Jonathan Menge's Report:

The DPW consists of 7 employees in the streets and buildings division, 2 mechanics and 1 bus driver/custodian. The DPW performs a multitude of tasks including snow plowing, filling potholes, painting curbs, replacing street signs and pruning trees. They are responsible for the maintenance and repair of all public buildings and grounds including landscaping, painting and cleaning. They also maintain the Borough's storm and sanitary sewer systems by cleaning catch basins, servicing the pump stations and jetting sewer lines. Perhaps their most important function is responding to emergencies such as hurricanes, blizzards and sewer back-ups. In April, the DPW will begin the spring clean ups of all Borough parks and playgrounds. Throughout the spring and summer months, they will clean all storm sewer catch basins and all sanitary sewer lines and pump stations. During the summer and fall months, the DPW will undertake a street and traffic sign replacement project to repair and replace all damaged, faded and unsightly street and traffic signs throughout the Borough.

Construction Code Official Paul Clemente / Jake Plosia's Report:

Good evening, I am Jake Plosia, your Construction Code Official. It is my job to see that new construction, additions and alterations are planned and constructed according to the International Business Code New Jersey Edition and the National BOCA Code. This process begins with the complete review of all construction plans that the applicant submits with his permit application. Once the plans are approved, a permit is issued and the inspection process begins. Being involved in all stages of construction from beginning to end, assures code compliance and the safety and integrity of the finished structure.

Police Chief Paul Goscinski / Jonathan Cox's Report:

The law enforcement community has come full circle from the time a first responding officer would set up a perimeter and wait for swat teams to arrive to deal with the threat. Our police officers who patrol our streets have to take on a new attitude and will be willing to assume even greater risk and responsibility to protect our citizens, our public places, and of course, our students. For these very reasons, all police officers in Wood-Ridge are and will continue to be trained in the active shooter resolution. The police department along with the cooperation of the Board of Education, will continue to have a presence in the schools by teaching D.A.R.E. as well as patrolling the halls of the schools. The school and the police administration meet periodically to address any concerns and strive to continuously improve the safety of our children.

Municipal Court Administrator Sharon Grimaldi / Emily Altieri's Report:

During the last decade, the municipal courts of this State have undergone systemic Court Rule and statutory revolutions that have launched our courts on a journey of continuous change. The municipal courts now handle more complex matters. In order to perform the duties of the Court Administrator you must become certified through the Administrative Office of the Courts and be passed by the Supreme Court to hold the title of Certified Court Administrator in the State of New Jersey.

Tax Collector Jackie Sharkey / Corinne Rywalt's Report:

The job of the tax collector is to bill and collect real estate taxes for the Municipality. Tax dollars are where the majority of the revenue comes from to run the Borough. The tax collector uses the figures from the Municipality, County and Board of Education to calculate the money needed to bill property taxes. Taxes are paid quarterly, collected at the tax office and deposited daily into a designated bank. The collector also holds a yearly tax sale for any unpaid taxes, at which time a lien is placed on the property. In most cases, the liens are redeemed by the owners and all charges are brought up to date. The tax collector position requires many hours of class instruction culminating in a state test that is required for certification.

Emergency Management Officer Paul Dahl / Anthony Abramo's Report:

As you are aware after a major storm we often get reimbursed for some of our costs from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Prior to any reimbursement from FEMA, closeout reports must be completed with the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management. These reports were finished this past fall; sign-off was completed this past Monday. My quarterly meeting with the County and State is scheduled for Wednesday, March 22nd in Mahwah. During this past year, each and every department of the Borough completed safety training. The trend has continued this quarter with all departments. For example, there is an Office Safety Class scheduled Tuesday March 14th in Little Ferry. Library staff, etc. are scheduled to attend. Right-to-Know: The 2016 Chemical Inventory Report for all facilities of the Borough has now been posted on that site. I am in the process of matching Material Safety Data Sheets to chemicals at each facility. This report is due to the state on July 15, 2017.

Welfare Director Susan Frattarelli / Ashley Fernandez's Report:

The welfare director is responsible for determining the eligibility of residents applying for general assistance program. The welfare director follows the state regulations to administer the program to qualified citizens providing income, shelter and food. Eight cases are eligible for the general assistance program. Four clients are employable and registered with Work First New Jersey. Four clients are disabled as verified by a doctor's certificate.

REPORTS OF BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS:

Shade Tree Commissioner George Meglio / Anthony Jones's Report:

The current Shade Tree Commission is celebrating its 17th year. Along with the Mayor and Council we continue to make great strides in making Wood-Ridge a beautiful tree lined community. As the years pass, we have seen less and less winter storm damage to our trees. This is due to the fact that with the combined efforts of our DPW and outside contractors. The DPW continues to trim young trees properly and our outside contractors remove old dangerous tree from our streets. We look forward to the continued efforts of our DPW staff, in 2016 all of the members of this dept. have taken education classes approved by the State regarding tree trimming and care. The DPW continues to help us meet our ongoing yearly goal of ongoing tree trimming within each district.

Recreation Commissioner Dennis Brubaker / Alexandra Puga's Report:

The Wood Ridge 2017 Summer Recreation Program will be held Monday June 26th through Friday July 28th. This program is attended annually by over 400 boys and girls in grades 1st through 8th and employs many of our Wood Ridge High School and College young adults. We continue to clear our coaches via fingerprinting, background checks, Coaches Certification Course and a Concussion Course. AED/CPR certification is required of all head coaches as well. Don't forget to visit W-R Recreation on the web at www.njwoodridge.org or follow us on twitter @WoodRidgeRec. We thank our volunteers and especially our coaches for the time and support that they give to our recreation programs.

Library Director Margaret Mellett / Kristine Aponte's Report:

The historical preservation of the Wood-Ridge Memorial Library is nearly complete. Thank you to the Mayor and Council for allocating the funds to re-point the stonework, paint the building, replace the roof, and add copper trim. The beautifully restored building is featured on the Library's newly designed library card, which also comes with a convenient key tag. In addition to offering thousands of the latest books, magazines, and newspapers, the library also offers e-books, digital music, downloadable movies, and audiobooks, all of which can go straight to your smartphone, tablet or computer, and are available 24/7. Patrons also enjoy borrowing free admission passes to 12 New Jersey and New York City museums, such as The American Museum of Natural History, The Museum of Modern Art, and The Intrepid. Our youngest residents enjoy award-winning music and movement classes that help them develop pre-literacy skills. Those new to our county learn English at the library at free classes offered four mornings a week. The library will welcome the Bergen County Audubon Society on April 21 for a program on butterfly gardening, and we are already planning a summer program for kids and families to tie in with this year's summer reading theme, Build a Better World.

Board of Health Registrar Gina Affuso / Jessica Vadilla's Report:

As Registrar of the Health Department, I must follow strict regulations by the NJ State Department of Health and Vital Statistics in order to maintain all vital records. Vital records are birth certificates, death certificates, marriage licenses and marriage certificates. Dog and cat licenses are processed through the Health Department as well. We currently have 346 dogs and 12 cats licensed in the Borough.

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FIRST HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Mayor Donato declared the Hearing of Citizens to be open. Anyone wishing to speak please come to the microphone in front of the room and state your name and address.

Victoria Deak of 49 Highland Avenue stated she was unaware that this evening was dedicated to this event. She announced that she did not wish to take away from the children and would return at the next meeting to address her concerns.

Seeing none and hearing none further, Mayor Donato declared the Hearing of Citizens to be closed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters listed below are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by Council, that particular item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separate

MINUTES:

Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 15, 2017.

RESOLUTIONS: Adoption of the following

RESOLUTION NO.: 050-2017

RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF 2016 LOSAP CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge has received the required certifications for the 2016 LOSAP Program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk has on file the original signed certifications for the individuals who have satisfied the earned point requirements pursuant to Borough Ordinance Number 2000-13; and

WHEREAS, the LOSAP Program has been approved by the voters of the Borough of Wood-Ridge by way of referendum; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Officer has determined sufficient funds are available in the General Account as is evidenced by Treasurer's Certification attached hereto and made part hereof.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the submission of the LOSAP Certification is hereby authorized.

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RESOLUTION NO.: 051-2017
RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 DECREASE FOR THE BIANCHI
MEMORIAL PARK PHASE II SITE IMPROVEMENTS

Be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, Bergen County, New Jersey upon the recommendation for the Borough Engineer that the Change Order for the Contract listed below be and is hereby approved.

TITLE OF JOB: Bianchi Memorial Park Phase II Site Improvements

CONTRACTOR: Tec-Con Contractors Inc., 9 Dodd Street, East Orange, NJ 07017

CHANGE ORDER N°: 1

AMOUNT OF CHANGE THIS RESOLUTION: Decrease 16.60 %; \$ 26,138.60

AMOUNT OF CHANGE TO DATE: Decrease 16.60 %; \$ 26,138.60

REASON FOR CHANGE:

Supplemental – None

Extra – None

Reduction – Reduction of unused quantities.

This Resolution to take effect upon certification of this Resolution by the Borough Clerk that sufficient funds are available.

RESOLUTION NO.: 052-2017
RESOLUTION APPROVING CLOSE OF CONTRACT FOR
BIANCHI MEMORIAL PARK PHASE II SITE IMPROVEMENTS

Be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, Bergen County, New Jersey that the contract for **Bianchi Memorial Park Phase II Site Improvements** was constructed by **Tec-Con Contractors, Inc., 9 Dodd Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07017**, in accordance with the Plans and Specifications and any approved Change Orders, as directed by the Borough Engineer. The said construction is hereby accepted and final payment in the amount of **Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and Thirty-Eight Cents (\$12,325.38)** is hereby approved.

The said construction is hereby accepted and final payment has been remitted to contractor.

APPLICATIONS:

- a. Application for three coin operated vending machines at TGI Friday's on Route 17 South.
- b. Application from Rochelle Park Lodge 46 Charitable Foundation Inc., for a monthly on-premise 50/50 starting March 15, 2017 at the Fiesta.

All applications listed above have been reviewed and approved by the Wood-Ridge Police Department.

SEMINAR APPROVALS: None

The 1806th Meeting of March 1, 2017

APPOINTMENTS: None

HIRINGS: None

Motion: Councilperson VonBusch, seconded by Councilman Pepe moved to the adoption of all matters on the above **CONSENT AGENDA**.

Roll Call: Musante yes, Mursch yes, VonBusch yes, Romano yes, Pepe yes, Pronti yes

Administrator Eilert asked for a motion on the **CONSENT AGENDA**.

Motion: Councilperson Romero, seconded by DiMarco moved to the adoption of all matters on the above **CONSENT AGENDA**.

Roll Call: Azzolini yes, Cassidy yes, Altamura yes, Marino yes, DiMarco yes, Romero yes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Mayor Donato declared the Hearing of Citizens to be open. Anyone wishing to speak please come to the microphone in front of the room and state your name and address. Please speak clearly and into the microphone.

Mayor Sarlo thanked Councilman Altamura and Susan Schulz for all the work they did putting this program together. Mayor thanked Superintendent Nick Cipriano all his help and asked the students to give their parents a round of applause. Mayor Sarlo thanks Ms. Deak for putting off her questions to the next meeting.

Seeing none and hearing none further, Mayor Donato declared the Hearing of Citizens to be closed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Donato asked for a motion to adjourn. All in favor? Ayes have it.

Administrator Eilert:

Councilperson Romero, seconded by Councilperson DiMarco moved for adjournment. By unanimous vote of the members of the Council present, the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge held on March 1, 2017 was duly adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Affuso, RMC
Borough Clerk