

**BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE
REORGANIZATION MEETING OF JANUARY 1, 2018**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting is called to order at _____ p.m. by Mayor Sarlo.

2. SUNSHINE NOTICE:

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.

3. CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS:

Announcement of results of November 7, 2017 Municipal Election.

- a. Dominick Azzolini elected to a full three-year term as Councilman with a vote of 1,887.
- b. Philip Romero elected to a full three-year term as Councilman with a vote of 1,920.

Councilman Azzolini and Councilman Romero to the Dais.

4. ROLL CALL:

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

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Cub Scout Pack 183

6. INVOCATION: Deacon Frank Materia

7. OATH OF OFFICE (GOVERNING BODY):

- a. Oath of Office is administered to Dominick Azzolini by John Bruno, Esq.
- b. Oath of Office is administered to Philip Romero by Mayor Paul Sarlo.

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8. ADOPTION OF BY-LAWS FOR THE YEAR 2018:

Mayor Sarlo calls for a Motion to adopt the By-Laws for the year 2018.

Motion: Councilperson _____, seconded by Councilperson _____ to adopt the By-Laws for the year 2018;

Discussion:

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

9. SELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mayor Sarlo requests Council to select President of Council.

Motion: Councilperson _____, seconded by Councilperson _____ put forth the name of Councilperson Altamura as Council President;

Discussion:

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

Oath of Office is administered to Council President.

10. ROLL CALL OF 2018 MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Mayor Sarlo calls for a motion setting forth the following Roll Call for 2018:

Mayor: Paul Sarlo
Council: Ezio Altamura
Catherine Cassidy
Dominick Azzolini
Edward Marino
Joseph DiMarco
Philip Romero

Motion: Councilperson _____, seconded by Councilperson _____ setting forth the Roll Call for 2018 Mayor and Council.

Discussion:

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

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11. NOMINATIONS OF STATUTORY OFFICERS:

Mayor Sarlo nominates **CHRISTOPHER W. EILERT** to the position of Borough Administrator.

Motion: Councilperson _____, seconded by Councilperson _____ naming CHRISTOPHER W. EILERT to the position of Borough Administrator.

Discussion:

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

Mayor Sarlo nominates **PAUL S. BARBIRE** to the position of Borough Attorney.

Motion: Councilperson _____, seconded by Councilperson _____ naming PAUL S. BARBIRE to the position of Borough Attorney.

Discussion:

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

Mayor Sarlo nominates **MICHAEL J. NEGLIA** to the position of Borough Engineer.

Motion: Councilperson _____, seconded by Councilperson _____ naming MICHAEL J. NEGLIA to the position of Borough Engineer.

Discussion:

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

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12. MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS:

(First person listed shall be Chairperson, second person Vice Chair, third person Member)

Standing Committee Name	Chair	Vice Chair	Member
Buildings & Grounds	DiMarco	Cassidy	Romero
Finance, Insurance & Administration	Marino	DiMarco	Azzolini
Fire & Emergency Services	Azzolini	Romero	Altamura
Law, Land Use & Code Enforcement	Cassidy	DiMarco	Marino
Police & Drug/Alcohol Abuse	Altamura	Azzolini	Cassidy
Public Information & Events	Altamura	Marino	DiMarco
Public Works, Recycling & Utilities	Romero	Altamura	Azzolini

Board, Committee, Commission or Constituency Name	Liaison
Board of Education	Marino
Board of Health	DiMarco
Community Development	DiMarco
D.A.R.E.	Marino
Emergency Management	Azzolini
Historical Society	Cassidy
Joint Insurance Fund	Azzolini
Keep Wood-Ridge Beautiful Committee	Altamura
Library Board of Trustees	Cassidy
Local Assistance Board	Cassidy
Local Businesses	DiMarco
Planning Board	DiMarco
Recreation Commission	Altamura
Senior Citizens	Altamura
Shade Tree Commission	Romero
Veterans	Altamura

Motion: Councilperson _____, seconded by Councilperson _____ to approve the appointments to the Standing Committees and Liaisons.

Discussion:

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

13. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS:

a. **ALCOHOL AND DRUG ALLIANCE COMMITTEE:**

- Paul Goscinski, Chairman – 1 year term to 12/31/18
- Joseph Biamonte, Co-Chairman – 1 year term to 12/31/18
- Joe Sutera, Recording Secretary – 1 year term to 12/31/18

b. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

Not applicable until 2020 Reorganization.

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c. LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Pat Sloan - 5 year term to 12/31/22

Mayor's designated member:

Catherine Cassidy - 1 year term to 12/31/18

d. LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD:

Catherine Cassidy - 1 year term to 12/31/18

Audrey Musella - 4 year term to 12/31/21

e. LAND USE BOARD:

Rich Pronti - Class II – 1 year term to 12/31/18

Frank Finke - Class IV – 4 year term to 12/31/21

Jonathan Braid - Class IV – 4 year term to 12/31/21

Mayor's designated Alternate:

Christopher W. Eilert - Class I – 1 year term to 12/31/18

f. RECREATION COMMISSION:

Robert Valenti - Member – to fill unexpired term to 12/31/18

Jon Wollerman - Alternate Member #1 – 5 year term to 12/31/22

Ray Crews - Alternate Member #2 – 4 year term to 12/31/21

g. SHADE TREE COMMISSION:

Victor Fontana - 5 year term to 12/31/22

Angelo Urato - 5 year term to 12/31/22

Paul Dahl - 5 year term to 12/31/22

h. VETERANS COMMITTEE:

Joe Cecere – V.F.W. - 1 year term to 12/31/18

Edward Pfeifer – America Legion - 1 year term to 12/31/18

14. 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 separately.

A. MINUTES:

Not applicable

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B. RESOLUTIONS: Adoption of the following

- 001-2018 Appointment of the Borough Administrator and authorizing Mayor and Clerk to execute contract.
- 002-2018 Appointment of Borough Attorney and authorizing Mayor and Clerk to execute contract for services as per the terms set forth in the appointing resolution attached hereto and made part hereof.
- 003-2018 Appointment of Borough Engineer and authorizing Mayor and Clerk to execute contract for services as per the terms set forth in the appointing resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- 004-2018 Appointment of Borough Auditor and authorizing Mayor and Clerk to execute contract for services as per the terms set forth in the appointing resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- 005-2018 Appointment of Appraiser and authorizing Mayor and Clerk to execute contract for services as per the terms set forth in the appointing resolution attached hereto and made part hereof.
- 006-2018 Appointment of Insurance Consultant for one year.
- 007-2018 Appointment of Commissioner for South Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, Bergen Municipal Excess Liability Fund, Municipal Excess Liability Fund and Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Fund.
- 008-2018 Appointment of Risk Management Consultant and authorizing Mayor and Clerk to execute contract for services as per the terms set forth in the appointing resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- 009-2018 Appointment of Insurance Producer/Consultant for Bergen Municipal Employee Benefit Fund.
- 010-2018 Resolution designating various banks as depositories for Borough funds for the year 2018.
- 011-2018 Resolution ratifying bond for Tax Collector and Library Treasurer.
- 012-2018 Resolution approving of various named persons as drivers of the fire engines of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.
- 013-2018 Resolution approving rate of interest on delinquent taxes.
- 014-2018 Resolution designating of The Record, The Herald News and the Star Ledger as the official Newspapers.
- 015-2018 Adoption of dates, time and place for Council Meetings for year 2018.
- 016-2018 Approval of Chief Financial Officer to prepare and issue recreation checks in advance of the monthly meeting.
- 017-2018 Approval of Petty Cash Fund & Change Fund for the year 2018.
- 018-2018 Establishing of Temporary Budget Appropriations for 2018.
- 019-2018 Approval of blanket bond coverage for all employees not required to post individual bond.
- 020-2018 Adoption of Employee Manual dated September 1, 2016.
- 021-2018 Approval of Chief Financial Officer to prepare the payrolls for employees during the 2018 year.
- 022-2018 Approval of Chief Financial Officer to release bi-monthly payroll checks in advance of the monthly meeting.

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- 023-2018 Approval of Tax Collector to add additional penalties on delinquent property tax.
- 024-2018 Appointment of Bond Counsel for Municipal Debt and authorizing Mayor and Clerk to execute contract for services as per the terms set forth in the appointing resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof. (Steven L. Rogut/Rogut McCarthy, LLC).
- 025-2018 Appointment of Bond Counsel for Redevelopment and authorizing Mayor and Clerk to execute contract for services as per the terms set forth in the appointing resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof. (Joseph P. Baumann, Jr. / McManimon Scotland & Bauman).
- 026-2018 Appointment of Borough Planner and authorizing Mayor and Clerk to execute contract for services as per the terms set forth in the appointing resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof. (Ken Nelson / Nelson Consulting Group)
- 027-2018 Designation of Financial Advisors and authorizing Mayor and Clerk to execute contract for services, if needed, as per the terms set forth in the appointing resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof. (James Fagan / NW Financial Group; Jennifer Edwards / ACACIA Financial Group Inc.; Robbi S. Acampora / Phoenix Advisors).
- 028-2018 Appointment for Special Counsel for Redevelopment and authorizing Mayor and Council to execute contract for services as per the terms set forth in the Appointing resolution. (Joseph P. Baumann Jr. / McManimon, Scotland & Baumann LLC).
- 029-2018 Appointment for Environmental Engineer and authorizing Mayor and Clerk to execute contract for services as per the terms set forth in the appointing resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof. (Daniel Toder / Mott MacDonald).
- 030-2018 Designation of Architects and authorizing Mayor and Clerk to execute contract for services, if needed, as per the terms set forth in the appointing resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof. (Thomas B. Connolly / Connolly & Hickey; Lloyd Rosenberg / DMR Architects).
- 031-2016 Appointment for Tax Appeal Attorney and authorizing Mayor and Council to execute contract for services if needed as per the terms set forth in the appointing resolution. (Paul S. Barbire / Paul S. Barbire, Esq.; Steven D. Muhlstock / Gittleman, Muhlstock & Chewcaskie, LLP).
- 032-2018 Approval of Cash Management Plan for the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

C. APPOINTMENTS:

a. BOARD OF HEALTH:

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| Frank Kaiser | - | Member - 3 year term to 12/31/20 |
| Robert Keller | - | Member - 3 year term to 12/31/20 |
| Debbie Greenaway | - | Member - 3 year term to 12/31/20 |
| Joe Ianiro | - | Member – to fill unexpired term to 12/31/18 |

b. LAND USE BOARD:

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| Joseph DiMarco | - | Class III – 1 year term to 12/31/18 |
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- c. **ADA COORDINATOR:**
Paul Barbire – 1 year term to 12/31/18
- d. **ASSESSMENT SEARCHER:**
Gina Affuso – 1 year term to 12/31/18
- e. **BOROUGH CLERK:**
Gina Affuso - 3 year term to 12/31/20
- f. **CEPA OFFICER (Conscientious Employee Protection Act):**
Paul Barbire – 1 year term to 12/31/18
- g. **CHIROPRACTOR:**
Leonard Deleasa – 1 year term to 12/31/18
- h. **DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK:**
Cathleen Calabro – 1 year term to 12/31/18
- i. **DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR:**
Kellie Romero – 1 year term to 12/31/18
- j. **HISTORIAN:**
Carl Dittman – 1 year term to 12/31/18
- k. **LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD:**
Jacqueline Goldklang, Member - 1 year term to 12/31/18
Catherine Cassidy, Member - 1 year term to 12/31/18
- l. **PROSECUTOR:**
Ronald Dario, Esq. – 1 year term to 12/31/18
- m. **ALTERNATE PROSECUTORS:**
Elsbeth Crusius, Esq. – 1 year term to 12/31/18
Kellie Reyes, Esq. – 1 year term to 12/31/18
- n. **PUBLIC DEFENDER:**
Mark Musella, Esq. – 1 year term to 12/31/18
- o. **ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER:**
John Bruno, Esq. – 1 year term to 12/31/18
- p. **PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER (P.A.C.O.):**
Paul Barbire, Esq. – 1 year term to 12/31/18
- q. **PUBLIC HEARING OFFICIAL:**
Christopher Eilert – 1 year term to 12/31/18

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- r. **REGISTRAR:**
Gina Affuso – 3 year term to 12/31/20

- s. **SAFETY COORDINATOR:**
Paul Dahl – 1 year term to 12/31/18

- t. **TAX SEARCHER:**
Jacqueline Sharkey – 1 year term to 12/31/18

- u. **TETERBORO AIRCRAFT NOISE ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**
Mayor’s Designated Representative:
Gina Affuso – 1 year term to 12/31/18

- v. **AUXILIARY POLICE:** as listed below – 1 year term to 12/31/18
Manuel E. Carcano, Captain Reinaldo Santiago, Lt.
Lucy Gebhardt, Sgt. Pedro Martin, Sgt.
Dan Diuro, Ptl. Matthew Hughes, Ptl.
Raymond Haebler, Ptl.

- w. **EMERGENCY SQUAD:** as listed below – 1 year term to 12/31/18
Eric Yapple, Captain
Michael Donato, Lieutenant
Dennis Kronyak, III, Lieutenant
Stephen Sarracino, Treasurer
Nicholas Meglio, Corresponding Secretary
Dennis Kronyak III, Recording Secretary

- x. **FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:** as listed below – 1 year term to 12/31/18
Kenneth Schulz, Chief
Elizabeth Ferry, 1st Assistant Chief
Michael Cribben, 2nd Assistant Chief
William Bergner, Captain
Kevin Cribben, Lieutenant
David Potchoiba, Lieutenant
Gregory V. Gorab, Corr. Sec.
Thomas Bischoff, Jr. Rec. Sec.
Ronald Phillips, Treasurer

- y. **FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTORS LICENSED:** as listed below – 1 year term to 12/31/18
James Bartlett William Bergner Elizabeth Ferry
Andrew Giordano Gilbert Ruiz Phillip Miuccio

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D. APPLICATIONS:

Not Applicable

E. HIRINGS/PROMOTIONS:

Not Applicable

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

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

15. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Council Statements
- b. Mayor's Annual Address
- c. Introductions: Families of Governing Body
- d. Presentations from Audience
- e. Swearing in newly appointed Members of Boards and Commissions

16. HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Mayor Sarlo declares the Hearing of Citizens to be open.

17. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Sarlo calls for a Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Councilperson _____, seconded by Councilperson _____ to approve the appointments to the Standing Committees and liaison to Boards or Commissions.

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

**BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE
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1. CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting is called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Mayor Sarlo.

2. SUNSHINE NOTICE:

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.

3. CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS:

Announcement of results of November 7, 2017 Municipal Election were read by Borough Clerk, Gina Affuso.

- a. Dominick Azzolini elected to a full three-year term as Councilman with a vote of 1,887.
- b. Philip Romero elected to a full three-year term as Councilman with a vote of 1,920.

Mayor Sarlo asked Councilman DiMarco to escort Councilman Azzolini and Councilman Romero to the Dais.

4. ROLL CALL:

Mayor:	Paul Sarlo – present
Council:	Ezio Altamura – present
	Catherine Cassidy – present
	Dominick Azzolini – present
	Edward Marino – present
	Joseph DiMarco – present
	Philip Romero – present
Borough Attorney:	Paul Barbire – present
Borough Engineer:	Michael Neglia – present
Borough Clerk:	Gina Affuso – present
Borough Administrator:	Chris Eilert – present

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Troop Leader Goldman and Cub Scout Pack 183

Mayor Sarlo asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for all those who were lost this past year.

6. INVOCATION: Given by Deacon Frank Materia

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7. OATH OF OFFICE (GOVERNING BODY):

- a. Oath of Office was administered to Dominick Azzolini by John Bruno, Esq. The bible was held by his wife, Toni Ann, joined by his family members, Jenna, Dominick, Joseph, Giovanna and Emma.
- b. Oath of Office was administered to Philip Romero by Mayor Paul Sarlo. The bible was held by his wife Kellie, joined by his children Nick and Amanda.

Before moving on, Mayor Sarlo recognized his colleague from the NJ State Legislature, Assemblywoman, Marlene Caride. Marlene has been nominated and selected by Governor Phil Murphy to be Commissioner of the NJ State Board of Insurance for the State of New Jersey.

Marlene Caride wished everyone a happy new year. She congratulated Councilman Azzolini and Councilman Romero on their re-election. She thanked everyone for giving her the opportunity to serve the community for the past six years. She wished Mayor and Council all the best for 2018.

8. ADOPTION OF BY-LAWS FOR THE YEAR 2018:

Mayor Sarlo called for a Motion to adopt the By-Laws for the year 2018.

Motion: Councilperson Cassidy, seconded by Councilperson Romero to adopt the By-Laws for the year 2018;

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

9. SELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mayor Sarlo requested Council to select President of Council.

Motion: Councilperson Azzolini, seconded by Councilperson DiMarco, put forth the name of Councilperson Altamura as Council President;

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

Oath of Office was administered to Council President Altamura by Mayor Sarlo. The bible was held by Gene Postaski.

10. ROLL CALL OF 2018 MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Mayor Sarlo called for a motion setting forth and adopting the following Roll Call for 2018:

Mayor:	Paul Sarlo – present
Council:	Ezio Altamura – present
	Catherine Cassidy – present
	Dominick Azzolini – present
	Edward Marino – present
	Joseph DiMarco – present
	Philip Romero – present

Motion: Councilperson Azzolini, seconded by Councilperson Romero setting forth the Roll Call for 2018 Mayor and Council.

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

11. NOMINATIONS OF STATUTORY OFFICERS:

Mayor Sarlo nominated **CHRISTOPHER W. EILERT** to the position of Borough Administrator.

Motion: Councilperson Marino, seconded by Councilperson Romero naming **CHRISTOPHER W. EILERT** to the position of Borough Administrator.

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

Mayor Sarlo nominated **PAUL S. BARBIRE** to the position of Borough Attorney.

Motion: Councilperson Cassidy, seconded by Councilperson DiMarco naming **PAUL S. BARBIRE** to the position of Borough Attorney.

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

Mayor Sarlo nominated **MICHAEL J. NEGLIA** to the position of Borough Engineer.

Motion: Councilperson Altamura, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy naming **MICHAEL J. NEGLIA** to the position of Borough Engineer.

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

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Mayor Sarlo administered the Oath of Office to Christopher Eilert. The bible was held by his parents.

Mayor Sarlo administered the Oath of Office to Paul Barbire. The bible was held by his son Mark, his daughter-in-law Dana and newest edition Sam.

Mayor Sarlo administered the Oath of Office to Michael Neglia. The bible was held by his wife, Christine.

12. MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS:

(First person listed shall be Chairperson, second person Vice Chair, third person Member)

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Local Assistance Board	Cassidy
Local Businesses	DiMarco
Planning Board	DiMarco
Recreation Commission	Altamura
Senior Citizens	Altamura
Shade Tree Commission	Romero
Veterans	Altamura

Motion: Councilperson Azzolini, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to approve the appointments to the Standing Committees and Liaisons.

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

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13. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS:

a. **ALCOHOL AND DRUG ALLIANCE COMMITTEE:**

Paul Goscinski, Chairman	–	1 year term to 12/31/18
Joseph Biamonte, Co-Chairman	–	1 year term to 12/31/18
Joe Sutera, Recording Secretary	–	1 year term to 12/31/18
Russ Petrocelli	–	1 year term to 12/31/18

b. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

Not applicable until 2020 Reorganization.

c. **LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

Pat Sloan	-	5 year term to 12/31/22
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Mayor's designated member:

Catherine Cassidy	–	1 year term to 12/31/18
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d. **LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD:**

Catherine Cassidy	-	1 year term to 12/31/18
Audrey Musella	-	4 year term to 12/31/21

e. **LAND USE BOARD:**

Rich Pronti	-	Class II – 1 year term to 12/31/18
Frank Finke	-	Class IV – 4 year term to 12/31/21
Jonathan Braid	-	Class IV – 4 year term to 12/31/21

Mayor's designated Alternate:

Christopher W. Eilert	-	Class I – 1 year term to 12/31/18
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f. **RECREATION COMMISSION:**

Robert Valenti	-	Member – to fill unexpired term to 12/31/18
Jon Wollerman	-	Alternate Member #1 – 5 year term to 12/31/22
Ray Crews	-	Alternate Member #2 – 4 year term to 12/31/21

g. **SHADE TREE COMMISSION:**

Victor Fontana	-	5 year term to 12/31/22
Angelo Urato	-	5 year term to 12/31/22
Paul Dahl	-	5 year term to 12/31/22

h. **VETERANS COMMITTEE:**

Joe Cecere – V.F.W.	-	1 year term to 12/31/18
Edward Pfeifer – America Legion	-	1 year term to 12/31/18

RESOLUTIONS VOTED SEPARATELY:

RESOLUTION NO.: 001-2018

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge have been advised of the proposed contract agreement with the Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the said Governing Body has been advised as to the merits of the proposed agreement by legal counsel and the Governing Body's Negotiation Committee; and

WHEREAS, the agreement to be executed by the Borough of Wood-Ridge and Administrator is annexed hereto and is made a part of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Wood-Ridge to enter into said contract agreement in accordance with the terms noted herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Christopher W. Eilert is hereby appointed Borough Administrator for the Borough of Wood-Ridge from the date of this resolution through December 31, 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract with Christopher W. Eilert as Borough Administrator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby ratify and confirm any and all actions taken by the appropriate officials in the past with respect to the subject negotiation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Certificate of Availability of Funds pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57 has been certified to by the Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

RESOLUTION NO.: 006-2018

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF INSURANCE CONSULTANT
WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING**

WHEREAS, in order to properly transact the business of the Borough of Wood-Ridge it is necessary to retain the services of an Insurance Counselor; and

WHEREAS, the judgmental nature of the Insurance Counselor's duties renders comparative bidding impractical; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of said contract shall be in accordance with the dictates of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has determined and certified in writing that the value of said service will exceed \$17,500.00; and

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WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6) requires that persons so designated and retained be set forth in a resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Borough will incur no expense for the services of said Insurance Counselor in that any re-numeration received by said Counselor will be in the form of commissions paid by the several insurance companies engaged to insure the Borough's interest; and

WHEREAS, Professional Insurance Associates, Inc. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Professional Insurance Associates, Inc. has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Wood-Ridge in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Professional Insurance Associates, Inc. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge as follows:

1. Professional Insurance Associates, Inc., 429 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, NJ is hereby appointed as Insurance Counselor for 2018.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk of the Borough of Wood-Ridge are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Contract with Professional Insurance Associates, Inc.
3. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.
4. A Notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough.

RESOLUTION NO: 008-2018

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF RISK MANAGER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage the services of a Risk Manager for the year 2018, to provide services which are a vital and necessary operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge is required to comply with the New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004c.19,N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 138-2017 adopted on October 18, 2017, the Borough determined it intended to acquire professional services for the year 2018 pursuant to a "Fair and Open" process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge followed the guidelines as set forth in the New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c. 19 N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.) issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge advertised for the submission of "Requests for Qualifications" ("RFQ") at least 10 days in advance of the opening of such qualifications in accordance with the aforesaid law; and

WHEREAS, the request for RFQ(s) was closed as of 10:00 a.m. on December 1, 2017, and

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WHEREAS, the RFQ(s) were publicly opened and announced by the Borough Clerk at the Borough Clerk's office on December 1, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the proposals and qualifications have been reviewed by the Finance Committee of the Mayor and Council who considered experience and reputation in the field; the professional's knowledge of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, the availability to accommodate any meeting; and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Frank Covelli/Professional Insurance Associates is hereby appointed Risk Manager for the Borough of Wood-Ridge from the date of this resolution through December 31, 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract for Risk Manager for the year 2018 is made pursuant to a "Fair and Open" process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment is subject to the execution of a formal written contract between the Borough and the contractor and/or appointee and the adoption of said resolution shall not create an obligation on the part of the Borough to formally engage said contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

RESOLUTION NO: 009-2018
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF PRODUCER/CONSULTANT
WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge is a current member of the Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Fund, which provides Dental Benefits for municipal employees; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws of the Fund require that each member municipality shall appoint an insurance Producer/Consultant who shall not be a fund Commissioner or employed by or under contract to the Fund as an Administrator or a servicing organization to perform various professional services as detailed in the Producer/Consultant's Agreement with the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of said contract shall be in accordance with the dictates of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has determined and certified in writing that the value of said service will exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws for the Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Fund indicate the Fund shall pay the Producer/Consultant a fee of 1.18% of the municipal assessment which represents reasonable compensation for the services required and is included in the assessment generated by the Fund; and

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WHEREAS, the insurance services rendered by the Producer Consultant are categorized as extraordinary and unspecifiable and thus, render comparative bidding impractical; and

WHEREAS, P.I.A. Security Programs Inc. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that P.I.A. Security Programs Inc. has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Wood-Ridge in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit from making any reportable contributions P.I.A. Security Programs Inc. through the term of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge as follows:

1. P.I.A. Security Programs Inc., 429 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, NJ is hereby appointed as Producer/Consultant for 2018 in accordance with the Fund's bylaws.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk of the Borough of Wood-Ridge are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Contract with Professional Insurance Associates, Inc.
3. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

Council President Altamura requested a separate roll call for Resolution Nos. 001-2018, 006-2018, 008-2018 & 009-2018.

Motion: Councilperson Cassidy, seconded by Councilperson Marino to approve the adoption of Resolution Nos. 001-2018, 006-2018, 008-2018 & 009-2018.

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

APPOINTMENTS VOTED SEPARATELY:

- q. **PUBLIC HEARING OFFICIAL:**
Christopher Eilert – 1 year term to 12/31/18

Councilman Altamura requested a separate roll call for Appointments C. q. Public Hearing Official.

Motion: Councilperson Cassidy, seconded by Councilperson Marino to approve Appointments C. q. Public Hearing Official.

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

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ALTERNATE PROSECUTORS:

Elsbeth Crusius, Esq.	--	1 year term to 12/31/18
Kellie Reyes, Esq.	--	1 year term to 12/31/18

Councilman Altamura requested a separate roll call for Appointments C. m. Alternate Prosecutors.

Motion: Councilperson Cassidy, seconded by Councilperson Romero to approve Appointments C. m. Alternate Prosecutors.

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

i. DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR:

Kellie Romero	--	1 year term to 12/31/18
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Councilman Romero requested a separate roll call for Appointments C. i. Deputy Tax Collector.

Motion: Councilperson Cassidy, seconded by Councilperson Marino to approve Appointments C. i. Deputy Tax Collector.

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

m. ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER:

John Bruno, Esq.	--	1 year term to 12/31/18
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Councilman Azzolini requested a separate roll call for Appointments C. n. Alternate Public Defender.

Motion: Councilperson Altamura, seconded by Councilperson DiMarco to approve Appointments C. n. Alternate Public Defender.

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

For the record, Councilman Altamura abstains on the above due to insurance purposes.

14. 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 separately.

A. MINUTES:

Not applicable

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B. RESOLUTIONS: Adoption of the following

**RESOLUTION NO.: 002-2018
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage the services of an Attorney for the year 2018, to provide services which are a vital and necessary operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge is required to comply with the New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 138-2017 adopted on October 18, 2017, the Borough determined it intended to acquire professional services for the year 2018 pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge followed the guidelines as set forth in the New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c. 19 N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.) issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge advertised for the submission of “Requests for Qualifications” (“RFQ”) at least 10 days in advance of the opening of such qualifications in accordance with the aforesaid law; and

WHEREAS, the request for RFQ(s) was closed as of 10:00 a.m. on December 1, 2017, and

WHEREAS, the RFQ(s) were publicly opened and announced by the Borough Clerk at the Borough Clerk’s office on December 1, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the proposals and qualifications have been reviewed by the Finance Committee of the Mayor and Council who considered experience and reputation in the field; the professional’s knowledge of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, the availability to accommodate any meeting; and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Paul S. Barbire is hereby appointed Borough Attorney for the Borough of Wood-Ridge from the date of this resolution through December 31, 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract for Borough Attorney for the year 2018 is made pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment is subject to the execution of a formal written contract between the Borough and the contractor and/or appointee and the adoption of said resolution shall not create an obligation on the part of the Borough to formally engage said contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

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**RESOLUTION NO: 003-2018
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF ENGINEER**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage the services of an Engineer for the year 2018, to provide services which are a vital and necessary operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge is required to comply with the New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004c.19,N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 138-2017 adopted on October 18, 2017, the Borough determined it intended to acquire professional services for the year 2018 pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge followed the guidelines as set forth in the New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c. 19 N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.) issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge advertised for the submission of “Requests for Qualifications” (“RFQ”) at least 10 days in advance of the opening of such qualifications in accordance with the aforesaid law; and

WHEREAS, the request for RFQ(s) was closed as of 10:00 a.m. on December 1, 2017, and

WHEREAS, the RFQ(s) were publicly opened and announced by the Borough Clerk at the Borough Clerk’s office on December 1, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the proposals and qualifications have been reviewed by the Finance Committee of the Mayor and Council who considered experience and reputation in the field; the professional’s knowledge of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, the availability to accommodate any meeting; and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Michael Neglia/ Neglia Engineering Associates is hereby appointed Engineer for the Borough of Wood-Ridge from the date of this resolution through December 31, 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract for Engineer for the year 2018 is made pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment is subject to the execution of a formal written contract between the Borough and the contractor and/or appointee and the adoption of said resolution shall not create an obligation on the part of the Borough to formally engage said contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

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**RESOLUTION NO: 004-2018
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH AUDITOR**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage the services of an Auditor for the year 2018, to provide services which are a vital and necessary operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge is required to comply with the New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 138-2017 adopted on October 18, 2017, the Borough determined it intended to acquire professional services for the year 2018 pursuant to a "Fair and Open" process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge followed the guidelines as set forth in the New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c. 19 N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.) issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge advertised for the submission of "Requests for Qualifications" ("RFQ") at least 10 days in advance of the opening of such qualifications in accordance with the aforesaid law; and

WHEREAS, the request for RFQ(s) was closed as of 10:00 a.m. on December 1, 2017, and

WHEREAS, the RFQ(s) were publicly opened and announced by the Borough Clerk at the Borough Clerk's office on December 1, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the proposals and qualifications have been reviewed by the Finance Committee of the Mayor and Council who considered experience and reputation in the field; the professional's knowledge of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, the availability to accommodate any meeting; and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Gary J. Vinci C.P.A., R.M.A. & P.S.A./ Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP is hereby appointed Auditor for the Borough of Wood-Ridge from the date of this resolution through December 31, 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract for Auditor for the year 2018 is made pursuant to a "Fair and Open" process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment is subject to the execution of a formal written contract between the Borough and the contractor and/or appointee and the adoption of said resolution shall not create an obligation on the part of the Borough to formally engage said contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

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**RESOLUTION NO: 005-2018
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH APPRAISER**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage the services of an Appraiser for the year 2018, to provide services which are a vital and necessary operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge is required to comply with the New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 138-2017 adopted on October 18, 2017 the Borough determined it intended to acquire professional services for the year 2018 pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge followed the guidelines as set forth in the New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c. 19 N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.) issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge advertised for the submission of “Requests for Qualifications” (“RFQ”) at least 10 days in advance of the opening of such qualifications in accordance with the aforesaid law; and

WHEREAS, the request for RFQ(s) was closed as of 10:00 a.m. on December 1, 2017, and

WHEREAS, the RFQ(s) were publicly opened and announced by the Borough Clerk at the Borough Clerk’s office on December 1, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the proposals and qualifications have been reviewed by the Finance Committee of the Mayor and Council who considered experience and reputation in the field; the professional’s knowledge of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, the availability to accommodate any meeting; and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Theodore J. Lamicella, Jr./Associated Appraisal Group is hereby appointed Appraiser for the Borough of Wood-Ridge from the date of this resolution through December 31, 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract for Appraiser for the year 2018 is made pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment is subject to the execution of a formal written contract between the Borough and the contractor and/or appointee and the adoption of said resolution shall not create an obligation on the part of the Borough to formally engage said contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 007-2018
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER TO SOUTH BERGEN
MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has resolved to join the South Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, the Bergen Municipal Excess Liability Insurance Fund, The Municipal Excess Liability Fund, and the Municipal Employee Benefit Fund; and

WHEREAS, the by-laws of said Funds require that a Commissioner to said Funds be appointed by the Mayor and Council; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that **Dominick Azzolini** is hereby appointed as **Commissioner to the South Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, the Bergen Municipal Excess Liability Insurance Fund, The Municipal Excess Liability Fund, and the Municipal Employee Benefit Fund** for the year 2018.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 010-2018
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BANKS FOR 2018**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Kearny Federal, Valley National, JP Morgan Chase, Spencer Savings Bank and Bank of New Jersey be designated as depositories for the Borough funds for the year 2018.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 011-2018
RESOLUTION RATIFYING BOND FOR TREASURER**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Bond of the Tax Collector Jacqueline Sharkey and Dolores McAlinden as Library Treasurer of the Borough of Wood-Ridge be and the same are hereby ratified at \$1,000,000.00.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 012-2018
RESOLUTION APPROVING DRIVERS OF FIRE TRUCKS**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the following persons, Volunteer Firefighters of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, are hereby designated and appointed as drivers of the fire engines and emergency vehicles of the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the period of one year only

W. Bergner	E. Ferry	M. Mann	G. Popejoy, Jr
J. Berta	A. Giordano	A. Martinez	D. Potchoiba
T. Bischoff	V. Giordano	F. Materia	N. Riccio
T. Burniston	G. Gorab	C. Materia	W. Rogers
C. Cannarozzi	N. Granados	A. Matos	G. Ruiz
I. Carrizo	Y. Gurditta	M. Medina	S. Russo
K. Cribben	D. Hamlin	N. Meglio	S. Sarracino
R. Cribben	R. Ippolito	P. Miuccio	T. Sarracino
M. Cribben	D. Kronyak, III	D. O'Beirne	K. Schulz
C. Cribben	D. Kronyak, Jr	G. Pereira	P. Shah
M. Czwakiel	D. Kyritz	R. Phillips	T. Sullivan
F. Dressel V	E. Loucka	R. Phillips, Jr	E. Yaple
M. Donato	A. Mahdy	M. Picciano	

FURTHER RESOLVED that said volunteer firefighters, heretofore designated as drivers, be instructed that in the event they become involved in any accident by reason of their operation of fire and/or emergency vehicles, they shall immediately give written notice of said accident to the Police Department of the Borough of Wood-Ridge; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be given to each firefighter hereinbefore designated as a driver.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 013-2018
RESOLUTION APPROVING RATE OF INTEREST FOR DELINQUENT TAXES**

WHEREAS, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that a rate of eight (8%) percent per annum be charged on all delinquent taxes up to the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for the year 2018, and eighteen (18%) percent per annum shall be charged on any amount in excess of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for the year 2018; further in accordance with NJSA 54:4-67; and be it

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no interest shall be charged if payment of an installment is made within ten (10) days after the date upon which the sum became due and payable.

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**RESOLUTION NO.: 014-2018
RESOLUTION APPROVING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS**

WHEREAS, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that THE RECORD, the HERALD NEWS and the STAR LEDGER, be designated as the official newspapers of the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the year 2018.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 015-2018
RESOLUTION ADOPTING MEETING DATES**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that the Regular Meetings of the Mayor and Council for the year 2018 will be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 85 Humboldt Street, Wood-Ridge, NJ at 7:00 p.m. (prevailing time) and the Finance Committee shall meet at 6:30 p.m. (prevailing time) as follows:

- January 17, 2018
- February 7, 2018
- February 21, 2018
- March 7, 2018
- March 21, 2018
- April 18, 2018
- May 2, 2018
- May 16, 2018
- June 20, 2018
- July 18, 2018
- August 15, 2018
- September 19, 2018
- October 3, 2018
- October 17, 2018
- November 7, 2018
- December 5, 2018
- December 19, 2018

FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN: The Mayor and Council intend that formal action be taken at the reorganization meeting, executive meeting sessions, regular monthly meeting sessions and/or special meeting sessions of the Borough Council. The denomination of a particular meeting as the reorganization meeting, an executive meeting, a regular monthly meeting session and/or a special meeting session shall have no significance with respect to the type of action which the Governing Body may take at such meetings. Specifically whether a reorganization meeting, an executive meeting, a regular monthly meeting session and/or a special meeting session occurs, the Mayor and Council intend that formal action by formal vote will or may occur at any such meetings and/or sessions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this information and schedule of meetings be distributed to the Bergen County Clerk, the RECORD, the HERALD NEWS, the STAR LEDGER and a copy thereof be posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

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**RESOLUTION NO.: 016-2018
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RECREATION CHECKS**

WHEREAS, from time to time it is necessary for the Recreation Commission to draw certain checks in advance of the Mayor and Council Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to draw checks from the Borough's Operating Account not to exceed \$2,500.00; and

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 Chief Financial Officer be allowed to draft these checks in an appropriate fashion not to exceed \$2,500.00.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 017-2018
RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE FUND**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the following Petty Cash Funds and Change Funds are hereby authorized for the year 2018:

CHANGE FUND:

Board of Health	\$100.00	Gina Affuso
Tax Office	\$100.00	Jackie Sharkey
Municipal Court	\$100.00	Sharon Grimaldi

PETTY CASH:

Finance Office	\$500.00	Kellie Romero
Public Assistance	\$100.00	Susan Frattarelli
Police Department	\$250.00	Paul Goscinski

**RESOLUTION NO. 018-2018
Establishing Temporary Budget Appropriation for 2018**

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides that where contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to final adoption of the 2018 Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

WHEREAS, this resolution will take effect on the first day of January, 2018, and

WHEREAS, said total temporary appropriations are limited to 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2017 Budget exclusive of any appropriations made for debt service, and capital improvement fund in the said 2017 Budget.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, that the following appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for the Borough's records.

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS

General Administration		
Salaries and Wages	\$	25,000
Other Expenses		12,000
Mayor and Council		
Salaries and Wages		8,000
Other Expenses		1,100
Municipal Clerk		
Salaries and Wages		60,000
Other Expenses		15,000
Financial Administration		
Salaries and Wages		26,000
Other Expenses		7,500
Technology and Information Systems		
Other Expenses		12,000
Audit Services		20,000
Revenue Administration		
Salaries and Wages		26,000
Other Expenses		4,500
Tax Assessment Administration		
Salaries and Wages		4,800
Other Expenses		1,800
Legal Services and Costs		
Salaries and Wages		50,000
Engineering Services and Costs		
Other Expenses		20,000
Historical Sites Office		
Other Expenses		400

LAND USE ADMINISTRATION

Planning Board		
Salaries and Wages	\$	2,700
Other Expenses		4,500

INSURANCE

General Liability Insurance		85,000
Workers Compensation		85,000
Employee Group Insurance		400,000
Unemployment Insurance		2,500

PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTIONS

Police		
Salaries and Wages		1,100,000
Other Expenses		25,000
ADAC Program		1,500
Auxiliary		
Other Expenses		1,600
Office of Emergency Management		
Salaries and Wages		11,000

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Other Expenses	600
Fire Department	
Other Expenses - Miscellaneous	20,000
Fire Hydrant Service	30,000
Aid to Volunteer Ambulance	8,000
Uniform Fire Safety	
Fire Official	
Salaries and Wages	2,700
Other Expenses	5,000
Municipal Prosecutor	
Other Expenses	5,000
PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS	
Streets and Road Maintenance	
Road Repairs and Maintenance	
Salaries and Wages	250,000
Other Expenses	20,000
Sewer System Maintenance	
Other Expenses	15,000
Shade Tree	
Salaries and Wages	1,300
Other Expenses	1,000
Solid Waste Collection	
Recycling	
Other Expenses	15,000
Garbage and Trash Removal	200,000
Buildings and Grounds	
Other Expenses	31,500
Vehicle Maintenance	
Salaries and Wages	60,000
Other Expenses	35,000
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FUNCTIONS	
Public Health Services (Board of Health)	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 5,000
Other Expenses	14,000
Administration of Public Assistance	
Salaries and Wages	2,100
Other Expenses	275
PARK AND RECREATION FUNCTIONS	
Recreation Services and Programs	
Salaries and Wages	20,000
Other Expenses	20,000
Senior Citizen Organizations	2,000
Celebration of Public Events	
Other Expenses	6,000
MUNICIPAL COURT	
Salaries and Wages	30,000
Other Expenses	3,500

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Public Defender	
Other Expenses	1,500
CODE ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION	
Construction Code Official	
Salaries and Wages	40,000
Other Expenses	7,000
UTILITY EXPENSES AND BULK PURCHASES	
Street	33,000
Lighting	
Telephone and Telegraph	20,000
Water	8,000
Natural Gas and Electricity	55,000
Gasoline	30,000
OTHER	
Bergen County Utilities Authority	195,000
Sewer Fees	
Borough of Lodi	30,000
PVSC	5,000
Maintenance of Free Public Library	105,000
Contribution to Social Security System	75,000
	75,000
Subtotal Current Fund	3,420,375
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 50,000
MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE	
Interest on Bonds	359,658
Principal on Notes	882,622
Interest on Notes	213,972
	213,972
Total Current Fund	\$ 4,926,627

RESOLUTION NO.: 019-2018
RESOLUTION APPROVING BLANKET BOND

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that all employees of the Borough, not required to post individual bonds, are hereby covered under a blanket bond provided by the Borough's membership in the South Bergen Joint Insurance Fund up to one million dollars.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 020-2018
RESOLUTION ADOPTING EMPLOYEE MANUAL DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 2016**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge has determined that there is a need for personnel policies and procedures to ensure that employees and prospective employees are treated in a manner consistent with these laws and regulations; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that the Employee Manual attached hereto is hereby adopted; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that these personnel policies and procedures shall apply to all officials, appointees, employees, volunteers and independent contractors. In the event there is a conflict between these rules and any collective bargaining agreement, personnel services contract or Federal or State Law, the terms and conditions of that contract or law shall prevail. In all other cases, these policies and procedures shall prevail.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this manual is intended to provide guidelines covering public service employees and is not a contract. The provisions of this manual may be amended and supplemented from time to time without notice and at the sole discretion of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to the maximum extent permitted by law, employment practices for the Borough of Wood-Ridge will operate under the legal doctrine known as "employment at will".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Administrator and all managerial/supervisory personnel are responsible for these employment practices. The Borough Clerk and the Borough Attorney shall assist the Borough Administrator in the implementation of the policies and procedures in this manual.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 021-2018
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF PAYROLL**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary payrolls for the employees during the year 2018.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 022-2018
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BI-MONTHLY PAYROLL**

WHEREAS, the largest percentage of the Borough Payroll is on a bi-monthly basis; and

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 Chief Financial Officer be authorized to release in advance the bi-monthly payroll checks prior to the monthly regular meeting at which time the payroll will be ratified.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 023-2018
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR TO ADD ADDITIONAL PENALTIES ON
DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES**

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 4425 and Senate Bill No. 2579 have been signed into law effective March 29, 1991 and April 4, 1991 respectively amending NJSA 54:4-67; AND

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, are desirous of enacting the following changes with respect to the aforementioned bills:

- Interest now charged on a property tax delinquency shall be calculated on the sum of all taxes from year to year and not calculated on a yearly basis;
- An additional penalty of 6% will be added on the amount of a property tax delinquency in excess of \$10,000. In regard to tax sale redemption, refer to N.J.S.A. 54:5-61 which sets forth the statutory penalties to be imposed, in addition to other charges and interest; i.e 2% of the amount paid for the certificate over \$200.00 up to \$5,000.00 ; up to \$10,000.00 4%; over \$10,000.00 6%. This shall also apply to all existing certificates held by the Borough on the effective date of this act.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Tax Collector to implement the above stated changes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution is given to the Tax Collector.

**RESOLUTION NO: 024-2018
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF BONDING ATTORNEY-GENERAL
MUNICIPAL DEBT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage the services of Bond Attorney for the year 2018, to provide services which are a vital and necessary operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge is required to comply with the New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004c.19,N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 138-2017 adopted on October 18, 2017, the Borough determined it intended to acquire professional services for the year 2018 pursuant to a "Fair and Open" process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge followed the guidelines as set forth in the New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c. 19 N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.) issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge advertised for the submission of "Requests for Qualifications" ("RFQ") at least 10 days in advance of the opening of such qualifications in accordance with the aforesaid law; and

WHEREAS, the request for RFQ(s) was closed as of 10:00 a.m. on December 1, 2018, and

WHEREAS, the RFQ(s) were publicly opened and announced by the Borough Clerk at the Borough Clerk's office on December 1, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.; and

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WHEREAS, the proposals and qualifications have been reviewed by the Finance Committee of the Mayor and Council who considered experience and reputation in the field; the professional's knowledge of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, the availability to accommodate any meeting; and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that **Steven L. Rogut/Rogut, McCarthy, LLC** is hereby appointed as Bond Counsel for general municipal debt for the Borough of Wood-Ridge from the date of this resolution through December 31, 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract for Bond Attorneys for the year 2018 is made pursuant to a "Fair and Open" process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment is subject to the execution of a formal written contract between the Borough and the contractor and/or appointee and the adoption of said resolution shall not create an obligation on the part of the Borough to formally engage said contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

RESOLUTION NO: 025-2018
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF BONDING ATTORNEY FOR REDEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage the services of Bond Attorney for the year 2018, to provide services which are a vital and necessary operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge is required to comply with the New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004c.19,N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 138-2017 adopted on October 18, 2017, the Borough determined it intended to acquire professional services for the year 2018 pursuant to a "Fair and Open" process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge followed the guidelines as set forth in the New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c. 19 N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.) issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge advertised for the submission of "Requests for Qualifications" ("RFQ") at least 10 days in advance of the opening of such qualifications in accordance with the aforesaid law; and

WHEREAS, the request for RFQ(s) was closed as of 10:00 a.m. on December 1, 2017, and

WHEREAS, the RFQ(s) were publicly opened and announced by the Borough Clerk at the Borough Clerk's office on December 1, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the proposals and qualifications have been reviewed by the Finance Committee of the Mayor and Council who considered experience and reputation in the field; the professional's knowledge of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, the availability to accommodate any meeting; and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey **Joseph P. Baumann, Jr./McManimon Scotland & Baumann** is hereby appointed Bond Counsel for redevelopment debt for the Borough of Wood-Ridge from the date of this resolution through December 31, 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract for Bond Attorneys for the year 2018 is made pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment is subject to the execution of a formal written contract between the Borough and the contractor and/or appointee and the adoption of said resolution shall not create an obligation on the part of the Borough to formally engage said contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

RESOLUTION NO: 026-2018
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH PLANNER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage the services of a Planner for the year 2018, to provide services which are a vital and necessary operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge is required to comply with the New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 138-2017 adopted on October 18, 2017, the Borough determined it intended to acquire professional services for the year 2018 pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge followed the guidelines as set forth in the New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c. 19 N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.) issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge advertised for the submission of “Requests for Qualifications” (“RFQ”) at least 10 days in advance of the opening of such qualifications in accordance with the aforesaid law; and

WHEREAS, the request for RFQ(s) was closed as of 10:00 a.m. on December 1, 2017, and

WHEREAS, the RFQ(s) were publicly opened and announced by the Borough Clerk at the Borough Clerk’s office on December 1, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the proposals and qualifications have been reviewed by the Finance Committee of the Mayor and Council who considered experience and reputation in the field; the professional’s knowledge of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, the availability to accommodate any meeting; and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Kenneth Nelson/Nelson Consulting Group is hereby appointed Planner for Redevelopment and any other municipal issues for the Borough of Wood-Ridge from the date of this resolution through December 31, 2018; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract for Planner for the year 2018 is made pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment is subject to the execution of a formal written contract between the Borough and the contractor and/or appointee and the adoption of said resolution shall not create an obligation on the part of the Borough to formally engage said contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

RESOLUTION NO.: 027-2018

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DESIGNATION OF FINANCIAL ADVISORS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage the services of a Financial Advisors for the year 2018, to provide services which are a vital and necessary operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge is required to comply with the New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 138-2017 adopted on October 18, 2017, the Borough determined it intended to acquire professional services for the year 2018 pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge followed the guidelines as set forth in the New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c. 19 N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.) issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge advertised for the submission of “Requests for Qualifications” (“RFQ”) at least 10 days in advance of the opening of such qualifications in accordance with the aforesaid law; and

WHEREAS, the request for RFQ(s) was closed as of 10:00 a.m. on December 1, 2017, and

WHEREAS, the RFQ(s) were publicly opened and announced by the Borough Clerk at the Borough Clerk’s office on December 1, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the proposals and qualifications have been reviewed by the Finance Committee of the Mayor and Council who considered experience and reputation in the field; the professional’s knowledge of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, the availability to accommodate any meeting; and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that James Fagan/NW Financial Group, LLC, Jennifer Edwards/Acacia Financial Group, Inc. and Robbi S. Acampora/Phoenix Advisors are hereby deemed qualified as Financial Advisors and are authorized to be contracted with on a as need basis for the Borough of Wood-Ridge from the date of this resolution through December 31, 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract for Financial Advisor for the year 2018 is made pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment is subject to the execution of a formal written contract between the Borough and the contractor and/or appointee and the adoption of said resolution shall not create an obligation on the part of the Borough to formally engage said contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

RESOLUTION NO: 028-2018
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR
REDEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage the services of an Attorney for Redevelopment for the year 2018, to provide services which are a vital and necessary operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge is required to comply with the New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 138-2017 adopted on October 18, 2017, the Borough determined it intended to acquire professional services for the year 2018 pursuant to a "Fair and Open" process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge followed the guidelines as set forth in the New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c. 19 N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.) issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge advertised for the submission of "Requests for Qualifications" ("RFQ") at least 10 days in advance of the opening of such qualifications in accordance with the aforesaid law; and

WHEREAS, the request for RFQ(s) was closed as of 10:00 a.m. on December 1, 2017, and

WHEREAS, the RFQ(s) were publicly opened and announced by the Borough Clerk at the Borough Clerk's office on December 1, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the proposals and qualifications have been reviewed by the Finance Committee of the Mayor and Council who considered experience and reputation in the field; the professional's knowledge of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, the availability to accommodate any meeting; and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Joseph P. Baumann, Jr./McManimon Scotland & Baumann is hereby appointed Special Counsel for Redevelopment for the Borough of Wood-Ridge from the date of this resolution through December 31, 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract for Attorney for Redevelopment for the year 2018 is made pursuant to a "Fair and Open" process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment is subject to the execution of a formal written contract between the Borough and the contractor and/or appointee and the adoption of said resolution shall not create an obligation on the part of the Borough to formally engage said contractor.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

RESOLUTION NO: 029-2018
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage the services of an Environmental Engineer for the year 2018, to provide services which are a vital and necessary operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge is required to comply with the New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 138-2017 adopted on October 18, 2017, the Borough determined it intended to acquire professional services for the year 2018 pursuant to a "Fair and Open" process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge followed the guidelines as set forth in the New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c. 19 N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.) issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge advertised for the submission of "Requests for Qualifications" ("RFQ") at least 10 days in advance of the opening of such qualifications in accordance with the aforesaid law; and

WHEREAS, the request for RFQ(s) was closed as of 10:00 a.m. on December 1, 2017, and

WHEREAS, the RFQ(s) were publicly opened and announced by the Borough Clerk at the Borough Clerk's office on December 1, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the proposals and qualifications have been reviewed by the Finance Committee of the Mayor and Council who considered experience and reputation in the field; the professional's knowledge of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, the availability to accommodate any meeting; and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Daniel R. Toder/Mott MacDonald is hereby appointed Environmental Engineer for the Borough of Wood-Ridge from the date of this resolution through December 31, 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract for Environmental Engineer for the year 2018 is made pursuant to a "Fair and Open" process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment is subject to the execution of a formal written contract between the Borough and the contractor and/or appointee and the adoption of said resolution shall not create an obligation on the part of the Borough to formally engage said contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

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**RESOLUTION NO: 030-2018
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF ARCHITECTS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage the services of an Architect for the year 2018, to provide services which are a vital and necessary operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge is required to comply with the New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 138-2017 adopted on October 18, 2017, the Borough determined it intended to acquire professional services for the year 2018 pursuant to a "Fair and Open" process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge followed the guidelines as set forth in the New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c. 19 N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.) issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge advertised for the submission of "Requests for Qualifications" ("RFQ") at least 10 days in advance of the opening of such qualifications in accordance with the aforesaid law; and

WHEREAS, the request for RFQ(s) was closed as of 10:00 a.m. on December 1, 2018, and

WHEREAS, the RFQ(s) were publicly opened and announced by the Borough Clerk at the Borough Clerk's office on December 1, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the proposals and qualifications have been reviewed by the Finance Committee of the Mayor and Council who considered experience and reputation in the field; the professional's knowledge of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, the availability to accommodate any meeting; and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that **Thomas B. Connolly/Connolly & Hickey Historical Architects and Lloyd Rosenberg/DMR Architects** are hereby deemed qualified Architects and authorized to be contracted on a project by project basis for the Borough of Wood-Ridge from the date of this resolution through December 31, 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any award(s) of the contract(s) for Architects for the year 2018 is/are made pursuant to a "Fair and Open" process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this designation is subject to the execution of a formal written contract between the Borough and the contractor and/or appointee and the adoption of said resolution shall not create an obligation on the part of the Borough to formally engage said contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

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**RESOLUTION NO.: 031-2018
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DESIGNATION OF TAX ATTORNEYS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage the services of Attorneys for tax appeals for the year 2018, to provide services which are a vital and necessary operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge is required to comply with the New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 138-2017 adopted on October 18, 2017, the Borough determined it intended to acquire professional services for the year 2018 pursuant to a "Fair and Open" process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge followed the guidelines as set forth in the New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c. 19 N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.) issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge advertised for the submission of "Requests for Qualifications" ("RFQ") at least 10 days in advance of the opening of such qualifications in accordance with the aforesaid law; and

WHEREAS, the request for RFQ(s) was closed as of 10:00 a.m. on December 1, 2017, and

WHEREAS, the RFQ(s) were publicly opened and announced by the Borough Clerk at the Borough Clerk's office on December 1, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the proposals and qualifications have been reviewed by the Finance Committee of the Mayor and Council who considered experience and reputation in the field; the professional's knowledge of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, the availability to accommodate any meeting; and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Paul S. Barbire/Paul S. Barbire, Esq. and Steven D. Muhlstock/Gittleman, Muhlstock & Chewcaskie, LLP are hereby appointed Tax Attorneys for the Borough of Wood-Ridge from the date of this resolution through December 31, 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract for Tax Attorneys for the year 2018 is made pursuant to a "Fair and Open" process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment is subject to the execution of a formal written contract between the Borough and the contractor and/or appointee and the adoption of said resolution shall not create an obligation on the part of the Borough to formally engage said contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

**RESOLUTION NO: 032-2018
CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE
IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY**

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This Cash Management Plan (the "Plan") is prepared pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 in the order to set forth the basis for the deposits ("Deposits") and investment ("Permitted Investments") of certain public funds of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, pending the use of such funds for the intended purposes. The Plan is intended to assure that all public funds identified herein are deposited in interest bearing Deposits or otherwise invested in Permitted Investments hereinafter referred to. The intent of the Plan is to provide that the decisions made with regard to the Deposits and the Permitted Investments will be done to insure the safety, the liquidity (regarding its availability for the intended purposes), and the maximum investment return within such limits. The Plan is intended to insure that any Deposit or Permitted Investment matures within the time period that approximates the prospective need for the funds deposited or invested so that there is not a risk to the market value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments.

**II. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIALS OF THE BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE
AUTHORIZED TO MAKE DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS UNDER THE PLAN**

The Chief Financial Officer (the "CFO") of the Borough of Wood-Ridge is hereby authorized and directed to deposit and/or invest the funds referred to in the Plan.

III. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES

The governing body shall designate on an annual basis, the banks and financial institutions for the Deposit of all public funds referred to in the Plan, including any certificates Deposit which are not otherwise invested in Permitted Investments as provided for in this Plan.

**IV. DESIGNATION OF BROKERAGE FIRMS AND DEALERS WITH WHOM THE
DESIGNATED OFFICIALS MAY DEAL**

Brokerage firms and/or dealers and other institutions may be designated as firms with whom the Designated Officials(s) of the Borough of Wood-Ridge referred to in this Plan may deal for purposes of buying and selling securities identifies in the Plan as Permitted Investments or otherwise providing for Deposits.

V. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS

A. Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the Designated Official is hereby authorized to invest the public funds covered by this Plan, to the extent not otherwise held in Deposits, in the following Permitted Investments:

- (1) Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America (any investment contracts providing for resale arrangements with the supplier should be analyzed for legality and should be specifically authorized in the cash managements plan);
- (2) Government money market mutual funds:

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- (3) Any obligation that a federal agency or a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided that such obligation bears a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor;
- (4) Bonds or other obligations of the Local Unit or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which the Local Unit is a part or within which the school district is located;
- (5) Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase approved by the Division of Investment of the Department of the Treasury for investment by Local Units;
- (6) Local government investment pools;
- (7) Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management fund established pursuant to section I of P.L. 1977, c.281 (C.52:18A-90.4); or
- (8) Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities if:
 - (a) the underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) of this subsection a;
 - (b) the custody of collateral is transferred to a third party;
 - (c) the maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days;
 - (d) the underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in section I of P.L. 1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41); and
 - (e) a master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.

For purposes of the above language, the terms “government money market mutual fund” and “local government investment pool” shall have the following definitions:

Government Money Market Mutual Fund. An investment company or investment trust:

- (a) which is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the “Investment Company Act of 1940”, 15 U.S.C. sec 80a-1 et seq., and operated in accordance with 17 C.F.R sec. 270.2a-7.
- (b) the portfolio of which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of any eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such U.S. Government securities; and
- (c) which has:

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- (i) attained the highest ranking or the highest letter and numerical rating of a nationally recognized statistical rating organization; or
- (ii) retained an investment advisor registered or exempt from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the "Investment Advisors Act of 1940", 15 U.S.C. sec 80b-1 et seq., with experience investing in U.S. Government securities for at least the most recent past 60 months and with assets under management in excess of \$500 million.

Local Government Investment Pool. An investment pool:

- (a) which is managed in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7;
- (b) which is rated in the highest category by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization;
- (c) which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of an eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such U.S. Government securities;
- (d) which is in compliance with rules adopted pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act, "P.L. 1968, c.410 (c.52:14B-1 et seq.) by the Local Finance Board of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, which rules shall provide for disclosure and reporting requirements, and other provisions deemed necessary by the board to provide for the safety, liquidity and yield of the investments;
- (e) which does not permit investments in instruments that: are subject to high price volatility with changing market conditions; cannot reasonably be expected, at the time of interest rate adjustment, to have a market value that approximates their par value; or utilize an index that does not support a stable net asset value; and
- (f) which purchases and redeems investments directly from the issuer, government money market mutual fund, or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund, or through the use of a national or State bank located within this State, or through a broker-dealer which, at the time of purchase or redemption, has been registered continuously for a period of at least two years pursuant to section 9 of P.L. 1967 c.9 (C.49:3-56) and has a least \$25 million in capital stock (or equivalent capitalization if not a corporation), surplus reserves for contingencies and undivided profits, or through a securities dealer who makes primary markets in U. S. Government securities and reports daily to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York its position in and borrowing on such U.S. Government securities.

VI. SAFEKEEPING CUSTODY PAYMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF PLAN

To the extent any Deposit or Permitted Investment involves a document or security which is not physically held by the Borough of Wood-Ridge, then such instrument or security shall be covered by a custodial agreement with an independent third party, which shall be a bank or financial institution in the State of New Jersey. Such institution shall provide for the designation of such investments in the name of the Borough of Wood-Ridge to assure that there is no unauthorized use of the funds or the Permitted Investments or Deposits. Purchase of any Permitted Investment that involve securities shall be executed by a "delivery versus payment" method to insure that such Permitted Investments are either received by the Borough of Wood-Ridge or by a third party custodian prior to or upon the release of the Borough's funds.

VII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The Designated Official referred to in Section II hereof shall supply on a monthly basis to the Governing Body of the Borough of Wood-Ridge a written report of any Deposits or Permitted Investments made pursuant to this Plan, which shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

- A. The name of any institution holding funds of the Borough of Wood-Ridge as a Deposit or a Permitted Investment.
- B. The amount of securities or Deposits purchased or sold during the immediately preceding month.
- C. The class or type of securities purchased or Deposits made.
- D. The book value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments.
- E. The earned income on such Deposits or Permitted Investments. To the extent that such Amounts are actually earned at maturity, this report shall provide an accrual of such earning during the immediately preceding month.
- F. The fees incurred to undertake such Deposits or Permitted Investments.
- G. The market value of all Deposits or Permitted Investments as of the end of the immediately preceding month.
- H. All other information which may be deemed reasonable from time to time by the governing body of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

VIII. OTHER ITEMS

1. DEPOSIT OF FUNDS

All monies collected by the CFO/Finance Department turned over to the CFO/Finance Departments shall be deposited within forty-eight (48) hours in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.

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The CFO shall minimize the possibility of idle cash accumulating in accounts by assuring that all amounts in excess of negotiated compensating balances are kept in interest bearing accounts or invested in accordance with this plan.

2. BONDING

The Chief Financial Officer and Tax Collector shall be covered by surety bonds; said surety bonds to be examined by the independent auditor to insure their proper execution.

3. COMPLIANCE

The Cash Management Plan of the Borough of Wood-Ridge shall be subject to the annual audit conducted pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:5-4.

IX. TERM OF PLAN

This plan shall be in effect from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. Attached to this Plan is a resolution of the governing body of the Borough of Wood-Ridge approving this Plan for such period of time. The Plan may be amended from time to time. To the extent that any amendment is adopted by the Borough Council, the Designated Official is directed to supply copies of the amendments to all of the parties who otherwise have received the copy of the originally approved Plan, which amendment shall be acknowledged in writing in the same manner as the original Plan as so acknowledged.

C. APPOINTMENTS:

a. **BOARD OF HEALTH:**

- Frank Kaiser - Member - 3 year term to 12/31/20
- Robert Keller - Member - 3 year term to 12/31/20
- Debbie Greenaway - Member - 3 year term to 12/31/20
- Joe Ianiro - Member – to fill unexpired term to 12/31/18

b. **LAND USE BOARD:**

- Joseph DiMarco - Class III – 1 year term to 12/31/18

c. **ADA COORDINATOR:**

- Paul Barbire – 1 year term to 12/31/18

d. **ASSESSMENT SEARCHER:**

- Gina Affuso – 1 year term to 12/31/18

e. **BOROUGH CLERK:**

- Gina Affuso - 3 year term to 12/31/20

f. **CEPA OFFICER (Conscientious Employee Protection Act):**

- Paul Barbire – 1 year term to 12/31/18

g. **CHIROPRACTOR:**

- Leonard Deleasa – 1 year term to 12/31/18

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- h. **DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK:**
Cathleen Calabro – 1 year term to 12/31/18
- j. **HISTORIAN:**
Carl Dittman – 1 year term to 12/31/18
- k. **LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD:**
Jacqueline Goldklang, Member - 1 year term to 12/31/18
Catherine Cassidy, Member - 1 year term to 12/31/18
- l. **PROSECUTOR:**
Ronald Dario, Esq. – 1 year term to 12/31/18
- n. **PUBLIC DEFENDER:**
Mark Musella, Esq. – 1 year term to 12/31/18
- o. **ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER:**
John Bruno, Esq. – 1 year term to 12/31/18
- p. **PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER (P.A.C.O.):**
Paul Barbire, Esq. – 1 year term to 12/31/18
- r. **REGISTRAR:**
Gina Affuso – 3 year term to 12/31/20
- s. **SAFETY COORDINATOR:**
Paul Dahl – 1 year term to 12/31/18
- t. **TAX SEARCHER:**
Jacqueline Sharkey – 1 year term to 12/31/18
- u. **TETERBORO AIRCRAFT NOISE ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**
Mayor's Designated Representative:
Gina Affuso – 1 year term to 12/31/18
- v. **AUXILIARY POLICE:** as listed below – 1 year term to 12/31/18
Manuel E. Carcano, Captain Reinaldo Santiago, Lt.
Lucy Gebhardt, Sgt. Pedro Martin, Sgt.
Dan Diuro, Ptl. Matthew Hughes, Ptl.
Raymond Haebler, Ptl.
- w. **EMERGENCY SQUAD:** as listed below – 1 year term to 12/31/18
Eric Yapple, Captain
Michael Donato, Lieutenant
Dennis Kronyak, III, Lieutenant
Stephen Sarracino, Treasurer
Nicholas Meglio, Corresponding Secretary
Dennis Kronyak III, Recording Secretary

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- x. **FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:** as listed below – 1 year term to 12/31/18
Kenneth Schulz, Chief
Elizabeth Ferry, 1st Assistant Chief
Michael Cribben, 2nd Assistant Chief
William Bergner, Captain
Kevin Cribben, Lieutenant
David Potchoiba, Lieutenant
Gregory V. Gorab, Corr. Sec.
Thomas Bischoff, Jr. Rec. Sec.
Ronald Phillips, Treasurer

- y. **FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTORS LICENSED:** as listed below – 1 year term to 12/31/18
James Bartlett William Bergner Elizabeth Ferry
Andrew Giordano Gilbert Ruiz Phillip Miuccio

D. APPLICATIONS:
Not Applicable

E. HIRINGS/PROMOTIONS:
Not Applicable

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

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

15. MISCELLANEOUS:

Council Statements:

Councilman Azzolini wished his wife, Toni Ann, a happy birthday. He acknowledged his family who were present. He acknowledge his son, Dominick, has earned his civil engineering degrees this year and his son, Joseph, who has been studying to receive his electrical engineering degree and masters. He stated his daughter, Jenna, is studying for her physician’s assistant degree. Councilman Azzolini spoke about some of the issues that he and his running mate, Phil Romero, addressed during their campaign. He stated that who much enjoys serving the public and working with the Mayor and Council.

Councilman Romero congratulated Dominick and Joseph Azzolini on their accomplishments. He spoke about the campaign with Dominick Azzolini as well. He thanked his family who were present for all their accomplishments and their support. He thanked the Mayor and the rest of council for all they do all year.

Mayor Sarlo voiced his pleasure for all the people who were present. He asked the council to acknowledge the members of their family who were present.

Councilman Altamura presented Councilman Azzolini and Councilman Romero a gift for their re-election.

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Mayor's Annual Address

I want to begin by welcoming our citizens, public officials, families and friends to the 2018 reorganization meeting of the Borough of Wood-Ridge. This annual event is a tangible example of democracy in action that celebrates our rights and freedoms as citizens of the United States of America. As public officials we must always remember that we derive our authority from the voters and we must always use the powers of our offices to serve the best interests of our citizens.

Congratulations to Dom Azzolini and Phil Romero on their resounding re-election victory this past November. I am very proud of the commitment that Dom and Phil showed to engaging with the voters by campaigning door-to-door and attending town events. They certainly did not take the electorate for granted and they are to be commended for their dedication to the people of Wood-Ridge.

While Dom and Phil's victory is certainly a personal achievement for them, it is also a shared achievement for the rest of the Governing Body and the members of my administration. Every day, my administration and this Governing Body work tirelessly to provide our residents with outstanding services and keep our community on the road to progress. Receiving over 70% of the vote, while running against opponents, is proof that providing good government is good politics. Receiving over 70% of the vote is a definitive mandate from the citizens of Wood-Ridge. It means that people are happy and recognize the outstanding value and benefit that they receive by living in Wood-Ridge. It also means that they support the initiatives of this administration and have trust and faith in us to lead this community.

2017 was another year of tremendous progress for the Borough of Wood-Ridge. Our home values continued to increase, our schools' academic performance continued to improve, and our infrastructure continued to be upgraded. We completed another phase of the comprehensive road paving program, we made aesthetic enhancements to our public properties, we welcomed a new fire engine into service and we finished installing the air conditioning systems in our schools. Our High School also unveiled its own Academy for Math & Science to provide college level instruction for our best and brightest students that is on par with the programs offered at the Bergen County Academies & Technical Schools, respectively.

Next year in 2018, we will complete the last phase of our road paving program. I am not aware of any town in New Jersey that can boast that every road was paved over a 12-year period. We also will be constructing a new garage at our Public Works facility to accommodate the vehicles and equipment that keep our streets and public facilities clean and well maintained. Next year we will be accepting delivery of a new senior citizen bus and will be expanding the routes and destinations, so our seniors can visit more stores. We will also be ordering a new state-of-the-art street sweeper that will keep our roads the cleanest in Bergen County.

Next year we will also experience a transition in the leadership of our Police Department. Chief Paul Goscinski will be retiring in June after 32 years of dedicated service to our community. Chief Goscinski's leadership was instrumental in our department achieving accreditation for the first time in its history. Paul's commitment to Wood-Ridge extended beyond his service in the police department. He was a homeowner who raised his daughters in town, he volunteered in many community groups and participated in many town events over the years. Like many of us in this room, I am proud to call Paul my friend and I want to thank him for the friendship and loyalty that he showed to me over the years.

I am personally grateful to Paul for agreeing to delay his retirement years ago in order to serve as Police Chief and help us to develop a bench of talented officers at the supervisory levels who are now prepared to assume command roles in our department. To that end, I look forward to having a smooth transition with Captain John Korin, who I intend to promote to Chief, and Lieutenant Mike O'Donnell, who I intend to promote to Captain. I also intend to make promotions into the Lieutenant and Sergeant ranks next year in order to maintain our department's table of organization and to prepare for anticipated hiring of new patrol officers in the years ahead.

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2017 was also a year of monumental progress in the redevelopment of the Curtiss Wright industrial complex into the Wesmont Station neighborhood of Wood-Ridge. Like the Sunshine City development in the 1920's and 1930's and the Wood-Ridge Heights development in the 1950's, the Wesmont Station development encountered skepticism and opposition at first and also had its share of problems at first. But just like those two other developments from earlier times in our history, the Wesmont Station development has become enormously successful, is providing our town with immeasurable benefits and the development's naysayers are being proven dreadfully ignorant and wrong.

Imagine Wood-Ridge today without the homes of Sunshine City which stretch east to west from Hackensack Street to Burma Road and north to south from Sussex Road to Marlboro Road. Imagine Wood-Ridge today without the homes of Wood-Ridge Heights which stretch east to west from 12th Street to Arnot Place and north to south from Jocelyn Drive to Floral Lane. Without those two developments our town would be 60% smaller; many of our friends and neighbors who we know and love would never have become our friends and neighbors. In the 1950's, my parents were newly married and living in Carlstadt when they decided to buy a house and start a family. They had heard about a new development called Wood-Ridge Heights and bought the smallest model home on Floral Lane because it was all they could afford. I probably would never have been born in Wood-Ridge but for the Wood-Ridge Heights development. Realize that a future Wood-Ridge Mayor, Councilman, Police Chief or Fire Chief may be living in Wesmont Station right now.

Any entity, whether it be a town, a business, a sports team or a social organization...any entity that stays stagnant eventually starts to decay and eventually dies. New homes, new residents, new businesses and new public facilities keep a town vibrant and progressing. The secret to America's success from its inception was that our country was constantly growing...growing in terms of our territory, growing in terms of our population and growing in terms of our productivity and wealth. The growth and success of America was not deterred by civil or world war, by economic depression, by political division or by social unrest.

Just like Sunshine City and Wood-Ridge Heights before, Wesmont Station is making our great town of Wood-Ridge even greater.

Over 100 new homes were sold last year at prices ranging from \$500,000 to \$650,000. These prices for new homes are literally double the price of the average home in the rest of Wood-Ridge. The ratables being created in Wesmont Station are providing our community with a stable tax base and a strong, well maintained infrastructure that will benefit our residents for decades to come. Most importantly, these new homes are bringing vibrant new residents into Wood-Ridge who enrich the fabric of our town. Many of these new residents have advanced higher education degrees, work in high tech and professional sectors in New York and have significant income which they have chosen to invest in Wood-Ridge. While I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting many of these new residents, my greatest joy has been having the opportunity to meet their children, some of whom I have coached in sports and some of whom are now friends with my two sons.

All 3 of the retail stores in Wesmont are open and running very successfully. The Dunkin Donuts – Baskin Robbins shop is busy around the clock and has supported many local community groups and events. Wesmont Wine Shop has a wide selection of wines, spirits and beers from around the world at price points for every budget and also stocks many hard to find premium wines and spirits. And the Market Fresh Grocery is getting rave reviews for its very friendly staff, the convenience of its small 7000 square foot layout, the quality of its fresh and prepared foods, the wide variety of specialty diet foods such as low-carb and gluten-free, and the great selection of everyday grocery items.

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We look forward to continued progress in Wesmont Station in 2018. We will be working in partnership with the owner and master developer to create a visionary new master plan for the 60-acre industrial zone of the property, which cannot ever be redeveloped into residential uses.

This new master plan will include concepts for transforming the old factory into a modern commercial hub that can host start-up businesses as well as established companies in fields such as technology, communications, engineering, science and medicine. The plan will also include a schedule for demolishing the small, single story warehouse known as the Danex Building which is adjacent to Wesmont Station and the New Jersey Transit Maintenance of Way facility.

Speaking of the Maintenance of Way Building, next year we will be working with new Governor Phil Murphy's administration to develop a plan to remove this terrible eye soar from Wood-Ridge for good. Removing the Maintenance of Way facility, in conjunction with demolishing the Danex Building, will create the opportunity to establish a contiguous 16-acre tract of open space. This open space will be large enough to accommodate athletic fields, playgrounds, dog runs, walking paths, a great lawn and many other amenities.

Because of Wesmont Station and all the other neighborhoods of our town, AND because of our schools, AND because of our recreation programs and athletic facilities, AND because of our infrastructure, AND because of our train stations and proximity to New York, AND because of our churches and our civic groups, AND because of our wonderful residents...because of all of these things...Wood-Ridge is a great town and it keeps getting even greater. We are also a great town because we have so many dedicated and talented public officials, employees and volunteers serving our community. I want to personally acknowledge and thank every single one of you for your service. I sincerely ask you to continue to work with me and my administration to keep Wood-Ridge advancing on the road to progress.

To all the citizens of Wood-Ridge, I thank you for the trust and faith you have shown in me and my administration. I pledge that I will continue to work tirelessly to reward your faith and trust by keeping Wood-Ridge on the Road to Progress. God Bless you all and God Bless Wood-Ridge.

Mayor Sarlo acknowledged the following who were present today:

- Frank Materia, Deacon and member of the fire department
- George Meglio, Commissioner of Shade Tree
- Bob Riccardella, Democratic Municipal Chair and former Council Member as well as member of the Parole Board
- Ron Philip, former Fire Chief
- Scott Russo, for Fire Chief

And last, but not least, Mayor Sarlo acknowledged his family. His wife, Connie, his sons Michael and Anthony, his mother Providence.

16. HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Mayor Sarlo declared the Hearing of Citizens to be open. With no one wishing to speak, Mayor Sarlo declared the Hearing of Citizens to be closed.

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17. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Sarlo called for a Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Councilperson Azzolini, seconded by Councilperson Romero to approve the appointments to the Standing Committees and liaison to Boards or Commissions.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Affuso, RMC
Borough Clerk