

**BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE
REORGANIZATION MEETING OF JANUARY 1, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. SUNSHINE NOTICE:

This meeting is being held in accordance with Public Law 1975 Chapter 231, the Open Public Meetings Act, also known as the “Sunshine Law”. The public meeting notice stating the date, time and place of this meeting was posted on the municipal bulletin board and the municipal website and was forwarded to The Record and the Star Ledger.

3. CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS:

Announcement of results of November 8, 2022 Municipal Election.

- a. Michele A. Mabel elected to a full three-year term as Councilperson with a vote of 1,794.
- b. Michael Donato elected to a full three-year term as Councilperson with a vote of 1,853.

Councilmembers Mabel and Donato to the Dais.

4. ROLL CALL:

Mayor:	Paul Sarlo
Council:	Dominick Azzolini
	Ezio Altamura
	Edward Marino
	Philip Romero
	Michele Mabel
	Michael Donato
Borough Attorney:	Paul Barbire
Borough Engineer:	Michael Neglia - Brian Intindola
Borough Clerk:	Gina Affuso
Borough Administrator:	Chris Eilert

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

6. ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

- a. Oath of Office is administered to Michel Mabel by Mayor Paul Sarlo.
- b. Oath of Office is administered to Michael Donato by Mayor Paul Sarlo.

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7. ADOPTION OF THE BY-LAWS OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL:

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

Motion: Councilperson _____, seconded by Councilperson _____ to adopt the By-Laws.

Discussion:

Roll Call: Azzolini, Altamura, Marino, Romero, Mabel, Donato

8. SELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL:

Mayor Sarlo requests Council to select a President of the Council.

Motion: Councilperson _____, seconded by Councilperson _____ to nominate Councilperson **DOMINICK AZZOLINI** as Council President.

Discussion:

Roll Call: Azzolini, Altamura, Marino, Romero, Mabel, Donato

9. ADOPTION OF THE ROLL CALL OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Mayor Sarlo calls for a motion adopting the following Roll Call.

Mayor: Paul Sarlo
Council: Dominick Azzolini
Ezio Altamura
Edward Marino
Philip Romero
Michele Mabel
Michael Donato

Motion: Councilperson _____, seconded by Councilperson _____ to adopt the Roll Call.

Discussion:

Roll Call: Azzolini, Altamura, Marino, Romero, Mabel, Donato

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10. NOMINATIONS OF STATUTORY OFFICERS: All Effective as of January 1, 2023

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

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

Discussion:

Roll Call: Azzolini, Altamura, Marino, Romero, Mabel, Donato

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

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

Discussion:

Roll Call: Azzolini, Altamura, Marino, Romero, Mabel, Donato

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

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

Discussion:

Roll Call: Azzolini, Altamura, Marino, Romero, Mabel, Donato

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11. MEMBERS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS:

Standing Committee Name	Chair	Vice Chair	Member
Buildings & Grounds	Donato	Mabel	Marino
Finance, Insurance & Administration	Marino	Donato	Azzolini
Fire & Emergency Management	Romero	Azzolini	Donato
Law, Land Use & Code Enforcement	Donato	Marino	Azzolini
Police & Public Safety	Altamura	Azzolini	Mabel
Public Information & Events	Mabel	Altamura	Romero
Public Works, Sanitation, Recycling & Utilities	Azzolini	Romero	Altamura

Special Committee Name	Chair	Vice Chair	Member
Special Committee on School Facilities	Romero	Mabel	Azzolini
Special Committee on Recreation Facilities	Marino	Donato	Altamura

Board, Committee, Commission or Constituency	Liaison
Board of Education & PTA	Mabel
Board of Health	Marino
Community Development	Marino
Emergency Management	Romero
Historical Society	Azzolini
Joint Insurance Fund	Azzolini
Library Board of Trustees	Romero
Municipal Alliance	Mabel
Planning Board	Donato
Public Events Committee	Mabel - Altamura - Romero
Recreation Commission	Altamura
Senior Citizens	Mabel - Altamura
Veterans	Donato - Altamura

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

Discussion:

Roll Call: Azzolini, Altamura, Marino, Romero, Mabel, Donato

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12. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS: All Effective as of January 1, 2023

Not requiring advice and consent of the Borough Council

a. Municipal Alcohol & Drug Alliance Committee:

Michael O'Donnell, Chairperson	1-year term to 12/31/23
David Marchitelli, Vice-Chairperson	1-year term to 12/31/23
Anthony Albro, Secretary	1-year term to 12/31/23

b. Library Board of Trustees:

Patricia Sloan - Member	5-year term to 12/31/27
Tracy Katz - Member	Unexpired term to 12/31/26
Bozena "Bo" Katic - Member	Unexpired term to 12/31/24

Designated Alternate of the Mayor:

Catherine Cassidy - Member	1-year term to 12/31/23
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Designated Alternate of the Superintendent of Schools:

Keri Focarino - Member	1-year term to 12/31/23
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c. Planning Board:

Richard Pronti - Class II Member	1-year term to 12/31/23
Jeffrey Magnusson – Class IV Member	4-year term to 12/31/26
Anthony Iacovino – Class IV Member	Unexpired term to 12/31/25
Christopher Inserra – Class IV Member	Unexpired term to 12/31/23
Omid Irani – Class IV Alternate #1 Member	2-year term to 12/31/24
Anthony Sarlo – Class IV Alternate #2 Member	Unexpired term to 12/31/23
Donald Conger – Class IV Alternate #3 Member	2-year term to 12/31/24
Christian Leone – Class IV Alternate #4 Member	Unexpired term to 12/31/23

Designated Alternate of the Mayor:

Christopher W. Eilert – Class I Member	1-year term to 12/31/23
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d. Recreation Commission:

Michael R. Kaseman - Member	Unexpired term to 12/31/26
Richard Wall - Alternate #1 Member	Unexpired term to 12/31/25
Jason Cata - Alternate #2 Member	5-year term to 12/31/27

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13. 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. RESOLUTIONS: Adoption of the following, **All Effective as of January 1, 2023**

- 001-2023 Appointment of the Borough Administrator and authorizing Mayor and Clerk to execute contract. (Christopher W. Eilert).
- 002-2023 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. (Paul S. Barbire, Esq.).
- 003-2023 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. (Michael Neglia/ Neglia Engineering Associates).
- 004-2023 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. (Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP).
- 005-2023 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. (Associated Appraisal Group).
- 006-2023 Appointment of Insurance Consultant. (Professional Insurance Associates, Inc.).
- 007-2023 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.
- 008-2023 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. (Professional Insurance Associates, Inc.).
- 009-2023 Appointment of Insurance Producer/Consultant for Bergen Municipal Employee Benefit Fund. (PIA Security Programs, Inc.).
- 010-2023 Designating various banks as depositories for Borough funds.
- 011-2023 Ratifying bond for Tax Collector and Library Treasurer.
- 012-2023 Approving various named persons as drivers of the fire engines of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.
- 013-2023 Approving rate of interest on delinquent taxes.
- 014-2023 Designating The Record and the Star Ledger as official newspapers.
- 015-2023 Adoption of schedule of Council Meetings.
- 016-2023 Authorizing Chief Financial Officer to prepare and issue recreation checks in advance of the monthly meetings.
- 017-2023 Authorizing Petty Cash Fund & Change Fund for the year.
- 018-2023 Establishing Temporary Budget Appropriations for the year.
- 019-2023 Approving blanket bond coverage for all employees not required to post individual bond.
- 020-2023 Adoption of Employee Manual dated January 1, 2023.
- 021-2023 Authorizing Chief Financial Officer to prepare employee payrolls.
- 022-2023 Authorizing Chief Financial Officer to release semi-monthly payroll checks.

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- 023-2023 Authorizing additional penalties on delinquent property taxes.
- 024-2023 Approving Cash Management Plan.
- 025-2023 Approving Interlocal Mutual Aid and Rapid Deployment Force.
- 026-2023 Approving Rules and Regulations for the Wood-Ridge Police Department.
- 027-2023 Authorizing Participation in Department of Defense 1033 Equipment Program.
- 028-2023 Appointment of Special Counsel for Bond Issuance 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. (Rogut, McCarthy, LLC., Parker McCay PA, and McManimon, Scotland & Bauman LLC).
- 029-2023 Appointment of Special Counsel for Redevelopment and Land Use 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. (Aronsohn, Weiner, Salerno & Kaufman, PC, and Parker McCay PA).
- 030-2023 Appointment of Special Counsel for Tax Appeals and authorizing Mayor and Clerk to execute contract for services, if needed, as per the terms set forth in the appointing resolution. (Paul S. Barbire, Esq.; Cleary, Jacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC)
- 031-2023 Appointment of Special Counsel for Litigation 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. (Aronsohn, Weiner, Salerno & Kaufman, PC, and Waters, McPherson & McNeill, PC).
- 032-2023 Appointment of Planning Consultants 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. (Neglia Engineering Associates and Paparozzi Associates, Inc.).
- 033-2023 Appointment of Financial Advisor for Bond Issuance and Continuing Disclosure 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. (NW Financial Group, Phoenix Advisors, ACACIA Financial Group Inc.).
- 034-2023 Appointment of Environmental Engineer 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. (Mott MacDonald Engineering)
- 035-2023 Appointment of Architectural Firms 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. (Connolly & Hickey; DMR Architects; DiCara Rubino).

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B. APPOINTMENTS: All Effective as of January 1, 2023

Nomination by the Mayor requiring advice and consent of the Borough Council, unless otherwise noted

- e. **ADA Coordinator:**
Paul S. Barbire, Esq. 1-year term to 12/31/23
- f. **Assessment Searcher:**
Gina Affuso 1-year term to 12/31/23
- g. **Deputy Borough Clerk:**
Cathleen Calabro 1-year term to 12/31/23
- h. **C.E.P.A. Officer (Conscientious Employee Protection Act):**
Paul S. Barbire, Esq. 1-year term to 12/31/23
- i. **Chiropractor:**
Leonard V. Deleasa, D.C. 1-year term to 12/31/23
- j. **Office of Community Services:**
Catherine Cassidy – Coordinator 1-year term to 12/31/23
- k. **Office of Emergency Management:**
William Wolfsohn – Coordinator 3-year terms to 12/31/25
Michael O'Donnell – Deputy Coordinator
- l. **Board of Health:**
Maria Rojas - Member 3-year term to 12/31/25
- m. **Historian:** 1-year terms to 12/31/23
Catherine Cassidy – Historian
Patricia Sloan – Deputy Historian
Carl Dittman – Assistant Historian
Dorothy Dobek – Assistant Historian
- n. **Municipal Court Judge:**
Not applicable until 2024
- o. **Municipal Court Prosecutor:** 1-year terms to 12/31/23
Ronald Dario, Esq. - Prosecutor
Kellie Reyes, Esq. - Alternate #1
Elsbeth Crusius, Esq. - Alternate #2
- p. **Municipal Court Public Defender:** 1-year terms to 12/31/23
John Bruno Jr., Esq. - Public Defender
Jonathan Bruno, Esq. - Alternate #1

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- q. **Planning Board:** (Nominated by the Borough Council)
Michael Donato – Class II Member 1-year term to 12/31/23
- r. **Office of Property Maintenance:** 1-year terms to 12/31/23
William Wolfsohn - Code Enforcement Officer
Richard Pronti - Deputy Code Enforcement Officer
Thomas Bischoff, Jr. - Assistant Code Enforcement Officer
- s. **Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.):**
Paul S. Barbire, Esq. 1-year term to 12/31/23
- t. **Public Hearing Official:**
Christopher W. Eilert 1-year term to 12/31/23
- u. **Office of Safety and Risk Management:**
William Wolfsohn – Coordinator 1-year term to 12/31/23
- v. **Tax Collector:**
Kellie Romero Reappointment for Tenure
- w. **Tax Searcher:**
Kellie Romero 1-year term to 12/31/23
- x. **Teterboro Aircraft Noise Abatement Advisory Committee:**
Designated Representative of the Mayor and Council:
Gina Affuso 1-year term to 12/31/23
- y. **Assistant Treasurer:**
Kyle Wiedemann 1-year term to 12/31/23
- z. **Bureau of Vital Statistics:** 3-year terms to 12/31/25
Gina Affuso - Registrar
Susan Schulz - Deputy Registrar
Cathleen Calabro – Alternate Deputy Registrar
- aa. **Zoning Officer:**
Richard Pronti 1-year term to 12/31/23
- bb. **Fire Prevention Bureau (Licensed Inspectors):** 1-year terms to 12/31/23
John Kurz – Fire Official
Christopher Mazzocchi – Deputy Fire Official
Gilbert Ruiz - Inspector
Al Cirelli - Inspector
Thomas Bischoff, Jr. - Inspector

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cc. **Fire Department Officers:**

1-year terms to 12/31/23

Kenneth C. Schulz Sr. - Chief
Kevin Cribben – 1st Assistant Chief
Justin Berta - 2nd Assistant Chief
Nicholas Meglio - Captain
Ronald Phillips, Jr. - Lieutenant
Fred Dressel, V - Lieutenant
Liam Maloney - Lieutenant
Nicholas Fallon - Secretary
Thomas Bischoff, Jr. - Recording Secretary
Ronald Phillips, Sr. - Treasurer

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Roll Call: Azzolini, Altamura, Marino, Romero, Mabel, Donato

14. ADMINISTRATION OF OTHER OATHS OF OFFICE

- a. Police Officer Joseph Barbieri

15. GOVERNING BODY REMARKS & PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Council Statements
- b. Mayor's Annual Address
- c. Presentations

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 _____, moved for adjournment. By unanimous vote of the members of the Council present, the Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge held on January 1, 2023 was duly adjourned at _____ p.m.

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CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Sarlo called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

SUNSHINE NOTICE:

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CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS: was read by Borough Clerk Affuso

Announcement of results of November 8, 2022 Municipal Election.

- a. Michele A. Mabel elected to a full three-year term as Councilperson with a vote of 1,794.
- b. Michael Donato elected to a full three-year term as Councilperson with a vote of 1,853.

Councilman Altamura escorted Councilwoman Mabel to the Dais.

Councilman Romero escorted Councilman Donato to the Dais.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor:	Paul Sarlo – present
Council:	Dominick Azzolini – present
	Ezio Altamura – present
	Edward Marino – present
	Philip Romero – present
	Michele Mabel – present
	Michael Donato – present
Borough Attorney:	Paul Barbire – present
Borough Engineer:	Michael Neglia - Brian Intindola – excused
Borough Clerk:	Gina Affuso – present
Borough Administrator:	Chris Eilert – present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Councilman Azzolini

A moment of silence was held for all those we have lost this past year.

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ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

- a. Oath of Office was administered to Michel Mabel by Mayor Paul Sarlo accompanied by her children Anthony, Lucas and Nick and her husband Jason.
- b. Oath of Office was administered to Michael Donato by Mayor Paul Sarlo accompanied by his sons Michael and Nicholas and his wife Kathy.

Former Bergen County Commissioner, Julie O'Brien, presented Councilwoman Mabel with flowers and welcomed her to the Women Empowerment Democratic Organization (WEDO).

ADOPTION OF THE BY-LAWS OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL:

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

Motion: Councilperson Azzolini, seconded by Councilperson Donato to adopt the By-Laws.

Roll Call: Azzolini yes, Altamura yes, Marino yes, Romero yes, Mabel yes, Donato yes

SELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL:

Mayor Sarlo requests Council to select a President of the Council.

Motion: Councilperson Altamura, seconded by Councilperson Romero to nominate Councilperson **DOMINICK AZZOLINI** as Council President.

Roll Call: Azzolini yes, Altamura yes, Marino yes, Romero yes, Mabel yes, Donato yes

ADOPTION OF THE ROLL CALL OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Mayor Sarlo called for a motion adopting the following Roll Call.

Mayor: Paul Sarlo
Council: Dominick Azzolini
Ezio Altamura
Edward Marino
Philip Romero
Michele Mabel
Michael Donato

Motion: Councilperson Altamura, seconded by Councilperson Mabel to adopt the Roll Call.

Roll Call: Azzolini yes, Altamura yes, Marino yes, Romero yes, Mabel yes, Donato yes

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NOMINATIONS OF STATUTORY OFFICERS: All Effective as of January 1, 2023

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

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

Roll Call: Azzolini yes, Altamura abstain, Marino yes, Romero yes, Mabel yes, Donato yes

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

Motion: Councilperson Azzolini, seconded by Councilperson Romero appointing **PAUL S. BARBIRE** to the position of Borough Attorney.

Roll Call: Azzolini yes, Altamura yes, Marino yes, Romero yes, Mabel yes, Donato yes

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

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

Roll Call: Azzolini yes, Altamura yes, Marino yes, Romero yes, Mabel yes, Donato yes

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS:

Standing Committee Name	Chair	Vice Chair	Member
Buildings & Grounds	Donato	Mabel	Marino
Finance, Insurance & Administration	Marino	Donato	Azzolini
Fire & Emergency Management	Romero	Azzolini	Donato
Law, Land Use & Code Enforcement	Donato	Marino	Azzolini
Police & Public Safety	Altamura	Azzolini	Mabel
Public Information & Events	Mabel	Altamura	Romero
Public Works, Sanitation, Recycling & Utilities	Azzolini	Romero	Altamura

Special Committee Name	Chair	Vice Chair	Member
Special Committee on School Facilities	Romero	Mabel	Azzolini
Special Committee on Recreation Facilities	Marino	Donato	Altamura

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Board, Committee, Commission or Constituency	Liaison
Board of Education & PTA	Mabel
Board of Health	Marino
Community Development	Marino
Emergency Management	Romero
Historical Society	Azzolini
Joint Insurance Fund	Azzolini
Library Board of Trustees	Romero
Municipal Alliance	Mabel
Planning Board	Donato
Public Events Committee	Mabel - Altamura - Romero
Recreation Commission	Altamura
Senior Citizens	Mabel - Altamura
Veterans	Donato - Altamura

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

Roll Call: Azzolini yes, Altamura yes, Marino yes, Romero yes, Mabel yes, Donato yes

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS: All Effective as of January 1, 2023

Not requiring advice and consent of the Borough Council

a. **Municipal Alcohol & Drug Alliance Committee:**

Michael O'Donnell, Chairperson	1-year term to 12/31/23
David Marchitelli, Vice-Chairperson	1-year term to 12/31/23
Anthony Albro, Secretary	1-year term to 12/31/23

b. **Library Board of Trustees:**

Patricia Sloan - Member	5-year term to 12/31/27
Tracy Katz - Member	Unexpired term to 12/31/26
Bozena "Bo" Katic - Member	Unexpired term to 12/31/24

Designated Alternate of the Mayor:

Catherine Cassidy - Member	1-year term to 12/31/23
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Designated Alternate of the Superintendent of Schools:

Keri Focarino - Member	1-year term to 12/31/23
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c. Planning Board:

Richard Pronti - Class II Member	1-year term to 12/31/23
Jeffrey Magnusson – Class IV Member	4-year term to 12/31/26
Anthony Iacovino – Class IV Member	Unexpired term to 12/31/25
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Anthony Sarlo – Class IV Alternate #2 Member	Unexpired term to 12/31/23
Donald Conger – Class IV Alternate #3 Member	2-year term to 12/31/24
Christian Leone – Class IV Alternate #4 Member	Unexpired term to 12/31/23

Designated Alternate of the Mayor:

Christopher W. Eilert – Class I Member	1-year term to 12/31/23
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d. Recreation Commission:

Michael R. Kaseman - Member	Unexpired term to 12/31/26
Richard Wall - Alternate #1 Member	Unexpired term to 12/31/25
Jason Cata - Alternate #2 Member	5-year term to 12/31/27

APPOINTMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS VOTED SEPARATELY:

v. Tax Collector:

Kellie Romero	Reappointment for Tenure
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w. Tax Searcher:

Kellie Romero	1-year term to 12/31/23
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Councilperson Romero requested a separate roll call for v. and w. on Appointments.

Motion: Councilperson Azzolini, seconded by Mabel moved to the adoption of v. and w. on Appointments with abstentions.

Roll Call: Azzolini yes, Altamura yes, Marino yes, Romero abstain, Mabel yes, Donato yes

p. Municipal Court Public Defender:

John Bruno Jr., Esq. - Public Defender	1-year terms to 12/31/23
Jonathan Bruno, Esq. - Alternate #1	

Councilperson Azzolini requested a separate roll call for p. on Appointments.

Motion: Councilperson Azzolini, seconded by Mabel moved to the adoption of p. on Appointments with abstentions.

Roll Call: Azzolini abstain, Altamura yes, Marino yes, Romero yes, Mabel yes, Donato yes

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- o. **Municipal Court Prosecutor:** 1-year terms to 12/31/23
Ronald Dario, Esq. - Prosecutor
Kellie Reyes, Esq. - Alternate #1
Elsbeth Crusius, Esq. - Alternate #2

- t. **Public Hearing Official:** 1-year term to 12/31/23
Christopher W. Eilert

RESOLUTION NO.: 001-2023
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, 2023; 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.: 006-2023
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF INSURANCE CONSULTANT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage the services of an Insurance Consultant for the year 2023, 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. 102-2022 adopted on September 21, 2022, the Borough determined it intended to acquire professional services for the year 2023 pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

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WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 115-2022 adopted on November 30, 2022 the Borough extended the submission date to December 16, 2022; 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 3:00 p.m. on December 16, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the RFQ(s) were publicly opened and announced by the Borough Clerk at the Borough Clerk’s office on December 16, 2022 at 3:00 p.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, State of New Jersey that Professional Insurance Associates is hereby appointed as Insurance Consultant for the Borough of Wood-Ridge from the date of this resolution through December 31, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract for Insurance Consultant for the year 2023 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: 008-2023

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 2023, 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. 102-2022 adopted on September 21, 2022, the Borough determined it intended to acquire professional services for the year 2023 pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 115-2022 adopted on November 30, 2022 the Borough extended the submission date to December 16, 2022; and

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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 3:00 p.m. on December 16, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the RFQ(s) were publicly opened and announced by the Borough Clerk at the Borough Clerk’s office on December 16, 2022 at 3:00 p.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, State of New Jersey that Professional Insurance Associates is hereby as appointed Risk Manager for the Borough of Wood-Ridge from the date of this resolution through December 31, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract for Risk Manager for the year 2023 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: 009-2023
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF PRODUCER/CONSULTANT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage the services of an Insurance Producer/Consultant for the year 2023, 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. 102-2022 adopted on September 21, 2022, the Borough determined it intended to acquire professional services for the year 2023 pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 115-2022 adopted on November 30, 2022 the Borough extended the submission date to December 16, 2022; 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

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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 3:00 p.m. on December 16, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the RFQ(s) were publicly opened and announced by the Borough Clerk at the Borough Clerk’s office on December 16, 2022 at 3:00 p.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, State of New Jersey that Professional Insurance Associates is hereby appointed as Insurance Producer/Consultant for the Borough of Wood-Ridge from the date of this resolution through December 31, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract for Insurance Producer/Consultant for the year 2023 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.

Councilperson Altamura requested a separate roll call for Appoints o. and t. and Resolutions 001-2023, 006-2023, 008-2023 and 009-2023.

Motion: Councilperson Azzolini, seconded by Donato moved to the adoption of Appoints o. and t. and Resolutions 001-2023, 006-2023, 008-2023 and 009-2023 with abstentions.

Roll Call: Azzolini yes, Altamura abstain, Marino yes, Romero yes, Mabel yes, Donato yes

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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.

RESOLUTIONS: Adoption of the following, **All Effective as of January 1, 2023**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 002-2023
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 2023, 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. 102-2022 adopted on September 21, 2022, the Borough determined it intended to acquire professional services for the year 2023 pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 115-2022 adopted on November 30, 2022 the Borough extended the submission date to December 16, 2022; 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 3:00 p.m. on December 16, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the RFQ(s) were publicly opened and announced by the Borough Clerk at the Borough Clerk’s office on December 16, 2022 at 3:00 p.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, State of New Jersey that Paul S. Barbire is hereby appointed as Borough Attorney for the Borough of Wood-Ridge from the date of this resolution through December 31, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract for Borough Attorney for the year 2023 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: 003-2023
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF ENGINEER**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage the services of an Engineer for the year 2023, 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. 102-2022 adopted on September 21, 2022, the Borough determined it intended to acquire professional services for the year 2023 pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 115-2022 adopted on November 30, 2022 the Borough extended the submission date to December 16, 2022; 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 3:00 p.m. on December 16, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the RFQ(s) were publicly opened and announced by the Borough Clerk at the Borough Clerk’s office on December 16, 2022 at 3:00 p.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, State of New Jersey that Michael Neglia/ Neglia Engineering Associates is hereby appointed as Engineer for the Borough of Wood-Ridge from the date of this resolution through December 31, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract for Engineer for the year 2023 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: 004-2023
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 2023, 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. 102-2022 adopted on September 21, 2022, the Borough determined it intended to acquire professional services for the year 2023 pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 115-2022 adopted on November 30, 2022 the Borough extended the submission date to December 16, 2022; 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 3:00 p.m. on December 16, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the RFQ(s) were publicly opened and announced by the Borough Clerk at the Borough Clerk’s office on December 16, 2022 at 3:00 p.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, State of New Jersey that Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP is hereby appointed as Auditor for the Borough of Wood-Ridge from the date of this resolution through December 31, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract for Auditor for the year 2023 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: 005-2023
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 2023, 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. 102-2022 adopted on September 21, 2022, the Borough determined it intended to acquire professional services for the year 2023 pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 115-2022 adopted on November 30, 2022 the Borough extended the submission date to December 16, 2022; 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 3:00 p.m. on December 16, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the RFQ(s) were publicly opened and announced by the Borough Clerk at the Borough Clerk’s office on December 16, 2022 at 3:00 p.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, State of New Jersey that Associated Appraisal Group is hereby appointed as Appraiser for the Borough of Wood-Ridge from the date of this resolution through December 31, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract for Appraiser for the year 2023 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.: 007-2023
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 2023.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 010-2023
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BANKS FOR 2023**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Valley National, JP Morgan Chase, Spencer Savings Bank and Bank of New Jersey be designated as depositories for the Borough funds for the year 2023.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 011-2023
RESOLUTION RATIFYING BOND FOR TAX COLLECTOR AND LIBRARY 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, Kellie Romero and the Library Treasurer, Dolores McAlinden of the Borough of Wood-Ridge be and the same are hereby ratified at \$1,000,000.00.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 012-2023
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

L. Cho	K. Cribben	T. Sarracino
E. Loucka	L. Maloney	M. Czwakiel
T.H. Burniston	M. Donato	G. Ruiz
D. Potchoiba	D. O’Beirne	J. Gaige
T. Bischoff, Jr.	J. Hone	M. Cribben
F. Dressel V	N. Fallon	R. Cribben
P. Muccio	N. Riccio	V. Giordano
S. Sarracino	E. Vazquez	G. Gorab
R. Phillips	K. Schulz	N. Meglio
R. Phillip, Jr.	M. Maceri	J. Caputi
A. Martinez	E. Gaige	D. Kronyak, Jr.
J. Berta	N. Granados	T.M. Burniston

and be it

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.: 013-2023
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 2023, 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 2023; 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.: 014-2023
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 and the STAR LEDGER, be designated as the official newspapers of the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the year 2023.

**RESOLUTION 015-2023
NOTICE OF MEETING DATES FOR 2023**

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 2023 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 1, 2023 Sine Die & Reorganization Meeting – 2:00 pm
January 18, 2023
February 1, 2023
February 15, 2023
March 8, 2023 - Youth Government Night – meeting at 5:00 pm
April 5, 2023
April 19, 2023
May 3, 2023
May 17, 2023
June 21, 2023
July 26, 2023
August 23, 2023
September 20, 2023
October 4, 2023
October 18, 2023
November 29, 2023
December 6, 2023
December 20, 2023

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 and the STAR LEDGER and a copy thereof be posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

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**RESOLUTION NO.: 016-2023
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.: 017-2023
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 2023:

CHANGE FUND:

Board of Health	\$100.00	Gina Affuso
Tax Office	\$100.00	Kellie Romero
Finance Office	\$100.00	Steve Drotos

PETTY CASH:

Finance Office	\$500.00	Kyle Wiedemann
Police Department	\$250.00	Michael O'Donnell

RESOLUTION NO. 018-2023

Resolution Re: Establishing Temporary Budget Appropriation for 2023

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides that where contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to final adoption of the 2023 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, 2023, and

WHEREAS, said total temporary appropriations are limited to 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2022 Budget exclusive of any appropriations made for debt service, and capital improvement fund in the said 2022 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 \$ 35,000
Other Expenses 15,000

Mayor and Council

Salaries and Wages 10,000
Other Expenses 1,500

Municipal Clerk

Salaries and Wages 75,000
Other Expenses 18,000

Financial Administration

Salaries and Wages 60,000
Other Expenses 10,000

Technology and Information Systems

Other Expenses 20,000

Audit Services

25,000

Revenue Administration

Salaries and Wages 35,000
Other Expenses 5,000

Tax Assessment Administration

Salaries and Wages 6,500
Other Expenses 5,000

Legal Services and Costs

Other Expenses 60,000

Engineering Services and Costs

Other Expenses 30,000

Historical Sites Office

Other Expenses 1,500

LAND USE ADMINISTRATION

Planning Board

Salaries and Wages \$ 2,700
Other Expenses 7,000

INSURANCE

General Liability Insurance 85,000
Workers Compensation 85,000
Employee Group Insurance 475,000
Unemployment Insurance 3,500

PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTIONS

Police

Salaries and Wages 1,400,000

Other

Expenses 50,000

ADAC Program 1,500

Police Auxiliary

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Other Expenses	2,000
Office of Emergency Management	
Salaries and Wages	14,000
Other Expenses	1,000
Emergency Squad	
Salaries and Wages	20,000
Other Expenses	10,000
Fire Department	
Salaries and Wages	35,000
Other Expenses - Miscellaneous	50,000
Fire Hydrant Service	30,000
Uniform Fire Safety	
Fire Official	
Salaries and Wages	17,000
Other Expenses	8,000
Municipal Prosecutor	
Other Expenses	7,000

PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS

Streets and Road Maintenance	
Salaries and Wages	400,000
Other Expenses	35,000
Sewer System Maintenance	
Other Expenses	25,000
Shade Tree	
Salaries and Wages	1,500
Other Expenses	1,500
Solid Waste Collection	
Recycling	
Other Expenses	40,000
Garbage and Trash Removal	350,000
Garbage and Trash Removal - Condominium Svcs	10,000
Buildings and Grounds	
Other Expenses	70,000
Vehicle Maintenance	
Salaries and Wages	40,000
Other Expenses	40,000

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FUNCTIONS

Public Health Services (Board of Health)	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 5,000

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Other Expenses	17,000
Administration of Public Assistance	
Salaries and Wages	3,000
Other Expenses	300

PARK AND RECREATION FUNCTIONS

Recreation Services and Programs	
Salaries and Wages	27,000
Other Expenses	40,000
Senior Citizen Organizations	3,000
Celebration of Public Events	
Other Expenses	25,000

MUNICIPAL COURT

Salaries and Wages	30,000
Other Expenses	30,000
Public Defender	
Other Expenses	1,500

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Construction Code Official	
Salaries and Wages	60,000
Other Expenses	10,000

UTILITY EXPENSES AND BULK PURCHASES

Street Lighting	50,000
Telephone and Telegraph	40,000
Water	17,000
Natural Gas and Electricity	85,000
Gasoline	30,000

OTHER

Bergen County Utilities Authority	200,000
Sewer Fees	
Borough of Lodi	50,000
PVSC	25,000
Maintenance of Free Public Library	160,000
Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP)	1,500
Contribution to Social Security System	100,000

Subtotal Current Fund	<u>4,739,500</u>
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MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE

Principal on Bonds	\$ 975,000
Interest on Bonds	435,201
Interest on Notes	<u>268,621</u>
Total Current Fund	<u>\$ 6,418,322</u>

RESOLUTION NO.: 019-2023
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.: 020-2023
RESOLUTION ADOPTING EMPLOYEE MANUAL DATED JANUARY 1, 2023

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".

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey the Manual dated January 1, 2023 shall serve as the Borough's Policies and Procedures serving and applying to every Employee, Volunteer, Elected & Appointed Official and Independent Contractor(s) serving the Municipality; and

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.: 021-2023
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 2023.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 022-2021
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SEMI-MONTHLY PAYROLL**

WHEREAS, the largest percentage of the Borough Payroll is on a semi-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 semi-monthly payroll checks prior to the monthly regular meeting at which time the payroll will be ratified.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 023-2023
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: 024-2023
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 Depositions 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 ensure 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:

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- (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;
- (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

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- (c) which has:
 - (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 ensure 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, 2023 to December 31, 2023. 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.

**RESOLUTION NO: 025-2023
RESOLUTION APPROVING INTER LOCAL MUTUAL AID PLAN AND
RAPID DEPLOYMENT FORCE**

WHEREAS, the Police Departments in Bergen County have a day to day responsibility to provide for the security of lives and property, for the maintenance and preservation of the public peace and order; and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Officials also have a responsibility to provide for preparedness against natural emergencies, such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, major storms, etc., man-made causes, civil unrest, and civil disobedience such as riots, strikes, jail or prison riots, train wrecks, aircraft crashes, major fires, ethnic disorders, riots, terrorist incidents and bombings, state and national emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Police Chief's Association has proposed a Mutual Aid Plan, Bergen County Regional Swat Team and Rapid Deployment Force to deal with these emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is adopted in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.1, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4, and N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.6; and

WHEREAS, this Plan will provide a uniform procedure for the coordination of the requesting, dispatching, and utilization of law enforcement personnel and equipment whenever a local law enforcement agency requires mutual aid assistance from any other jurisdiction, both contiguous and non-contiguous, in the event of an emergency, riot or disorder, or in order to protect life and property; and

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WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and County of the Borough of Wood-Ridge to participate in a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force in accordance with the Plan as submitted by the Bergen County Police Chief's Association.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, that the Police Department of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, under the direction of the Chief of Police, cooperate with the Bergen County Police Chief's Association to create an Interlocal Services Agreement with all municipalities in the County of Bergen in order to put into place the Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force and Bergen County Regional Swat Teams; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the County Prosecutor and all municipalities in the County of Bergen.

**RESOLUTION NO: 026-2023
RESOLUTION APPROVING RULE AND REGULATIONS FOR THE
WOOD-RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, Section 60-12 of the Code of the Borough of Wood-Ridge mandates that the Police Chief of the Borough of Wood-Ridge promulgate Rules and Regulations for the Wood-Ridge Police Department and that same shall be approved by the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief of the Wood-Ridge Police Department has prepared and submitted to the Mayor and Council a proposed set of Rules and Regulations copy of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council in consultation with the Borough Administrator and the Borough Attorney has accepted and approved said Rules and Regulations.

NOW, THEREBY, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that the Wood-Ridge Police Department Rules and Regulations attached hereto and made a part hereof are hereby approved and accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these Rules and Regulations shall apply to all sworn employees and to all civilian employees of the department. 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 rules and regulations shall prevail.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Police Chief and all managerial/supervisory personnel of the Police Department are responsible for the enforcement and compliance of said Rules and Regulations.

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RESOLUTION NO: 027-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE 1033 EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Congress authorizes the 1033 Program to make use of excess Department of Defense (DOD) equipment by making it available at the local, county and state level. This excess DOD equipment has been purchased with taxpayer funds. Law enforcement may request resources from this program. The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) mandates that all acquired 1033 equipment be under the control of the requesting law enforcement agency. The equipment may enhance community preparedness, response, and resiliency while off-setting the costs in a time of fiscal constraints; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 2364 2(a) requires that all local or county law enforcement agencies be approved by resolution by the majority of the full membership of the governing body prior to the transmittal of 1033 Program application. The DLA requires that applications for program participation be submitted every 365 days; and

WHEREAS, the minutes of the Wood-Ridge Mayor and Council Public Meeting of August 17, 2016 provide that:

WHEREAS, the Wood-Ridge Mayor and Council (also herein referred to as the “Council”) requires that the designated Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) Point of Contact for this venue submit a monthly report regarding acquired 1033 Program property to the Chief Executive Official of the venue. In the event that any property had been obtained contrary to the intent of Senate Bill No. 2364 2(a), the State Coordinator shall be contacted and equipment shall be transferred or returned via the federal inventory database system (FEMPMIS); and

WHEREAS, the Wood-Ridge Mayor and Council finds that the Wood-Ridge Police Department may request and acquire certain DEMIL B thru H (controlled) property in the RTD system without restriction and additional resolutions from the Council. However, it has been determined that based on the Wood-Ridge Police Department’s needs, it may not acquire armored tactical vehicles, marine vessels over 28 feet, aircraft, weapons, or any items deemed without approval of the governing body. Any special application for weapons, aircraft or MRAP’s must be authorized by the Council by resolution prior to the submission of the application/requisition; and

WHEREAS, the Wood-Ridge Mayor and Council shall have complete oversight of the Wood-Ridge Police Department’s participation in the Department of Defense-Defense Logistics Agency-Law Enforcement Support Office/1033 Program and of any and all items obtained from the program; and

WHEREAS, the Wood-Ridge Mayor and Council recognizes that the acquisition of 1033 Program property is time-sensitive as resources are allocated to all States based on time-stamp of requisition. In the event that a LESO Point of Contact requests an item in good faith and said item is determined to be contrary to the intent of the resolution, the LESO Point of Contact may cancel the request prior to the acquisition of the property, without being in violation of S2364 2(a).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wood-Ridge Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Wood-Ridge Police Department to apply and to continue to participate in the Department of Defense-Defense Logistics Agency-Law Enforcement Support Office/1033 Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wood-Ridge Police Department shall be in accordance with all terms, conditions, and requirements set forth by the New Office of Emergency Management-Law Enforcement Support Office State Plan of Operation and Memorandum of Agreement.

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**RESOLUTION NO: 028-2023
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR BOND
ISSUANCE**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage the services of Special Counsel for Bond Issuance for the year 2023, 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. 102-2022 adopted on September 21, 2022, the Borough determined it intended to acquire professional services for the year 2023 pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 115-2022 adopted on November 30, 2022 the Borough extended the submission date to December 16, 2022; 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 3:00 p.m. on December 16, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the RFQ(s) were publicly opened and announced by the Borough Clerk at the Borough Clerk’s office on December 16, 2022 at 3:00 p.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, State of New Jersey that Rogut, McCarthy, LLC., Parker McCay, PA and McManimon, Scotland & Bauman, LLC are hereby appointed as Special Counsel for Bond Issuance for the Borough of Wood-Ridge from the date of this resolution through December 31, 2023, subject to assignment of work and authorization to proceed with performance of services by the Borough Administrator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract for Special Counsel for Bond Issuance for the year 2023 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: 029-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR REDEVELOPMENT & LAND USE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage the services of Special Counsel for Redevelopment & Land Use for the year 2023, 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. 102-2022 adopted on September 21, 2022, the Borough determined it intended to acquire professional services for the year 2023 pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 115-2022 adopted on November 30, 2022 the Borough extended the submission date to December 16, 2022; 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 3:00 p.m. on December 16, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the RFQ(s) were publicly opened and announced by the Borough Clerk at the Borough Clerk’s office on December 16, 2022 at 3:00 p.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, State of New Jersey that Aronsohn, Weiner, Salerno & Kaufman, PC, and Parker McCay, PC are hereby appointed as Special Counsel for Redevelopment and Land Use for the Borough of Wood-Ridge from the date of this resolution through December 31, 2023, subject to assignment of work and authorization to proceed with performance of services by the Borough Administrator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract for Special Counsel for Redevelopment & Land Use for the year 2023 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.: 030-2023
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR TAX
APPEALS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage the services of Special Counsel for Tax Appeals for the year 2023, 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. 102-2022 adopted on September 21, 2022, the Borough determined it intended to acquire professional services for the year 2023 pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 115-2022 adopted on November 30, 2022 the Borough extended the submission date to December 16, 2022; 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 3:00 p.m. on December 16, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the RFQ(s) were publicly opened and announced by the Borough Clerk at the Borough Clerk’s office on December 16, 2022 at 3:00 p.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, State of New Jersey that Paul S. Barbire, Esq. and Cleary, Jacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC are hereby appointed as Special Counsel for Tax Appeals for the Borough of Wood-Ridge from the date of this resolution through December 31, 2023, subject to assignment of work and authorization to proceed with performance of services by the Borough Administrator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract for Special Counsel for Tax Appeals for the year 2023 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: 031-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LITIGATION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage the services of Special Counsel for Litigation for the year 2023, 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. 102-2022 adopted on September 21, 2022, the Borough determined it intended to acquire professional services for the year 2023 pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 115-2022 adopted on November 30, 2022 the Borough extended the submission date to December 16, 2022; 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 3:00 p.m. on December 16, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the RFQ(s) were publicly opened and announced by the Borough Clerk at the Borough Clerk’s office on December 16, 2022 at 3:00 p.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, State of New Jersey that Waters, McPherson & McNeill, PC and Aronsohn, Weiner, Salerno & Kaufman, PC are hereby appointed as Special Counsel for Litigation for the Borough of Wood-Ridge from the date of this resolution through December 31, 2023, subject to assignment of work and authorization to proceed with performance of services by the Borough Administrator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract for Special Counsel for Litigation for the year 2023 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: 032-2023
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 2023, 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. 102-2022 adopted on September 21, 2022, the Borough determined it intended to acquire professional services for the year 2023 pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 115-2022 adopted on November 30, 2022 the Borough extended the submission date to December 16, 2022; 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 3:00 p.m. on December 16, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the RFQ(s) were publicly opened and announced by the Borough Clerk at the Borough Clerk’s office on December 16, 2022 at 3:00 p.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, State of New Jersey that Neglia Engineering Associates and Paporozzi Associates, Inc. are hereby appointed as Planner for the Borough of Wood-Ridge from the date of this resolution through December 31, 2023, subject to assignment of work and authorization to proceed with performance of services by the Borough Administrator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract for Planner for the year 2023 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.: 033-2023
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF FINANCIAL ADVISORS FOR BOND
ISSUANCE AND CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage the services of a Financial Advisor for Bond Issuance and Continuing Disclosure for the year 2023, 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. 102-2022 adopted on September 21, 2022, the Borough determined it intended to acquire professional services for the year 2023 pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 115-2022 adopted on November 30, 2022 the Borough extended the submission date to December 16, 2022; 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 3:00 p.m. on December 16, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the RFQ(s) were publicly opened and announced by the Borough Clerk at the Borough Clerk’s office on December 16, 2022 at 3:00 p.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, State of New Jersey that NW Financial Group, LLC.; Phoenix Advisors and ACACIA Financial Group are hereby appointed as Financial Advisor for Bond Issuance and Continuing Disclosure for the Borough of Wood-Ridge from the date of this resolution through December 31, 2023, subject to assignment of work and authorization to proceed with performance of services by the Borough Administrator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract for Financial Advisor for Bond Issuance and Continuing Disclosure for the year 2023 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: 034-2023
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 2023, 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. 102-2022 adopted on September 21, 2022, the Borough determined it intended to acquire professional services for the year 2023 pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 115-2022 adopted on November 30, 2022 the Borough extended the submission date to December 16, 2022; 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 3:00 p.m. on December 16, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the RFQ(s) were publicly opened and announced by the Borough Clerk at the Borough Clerk’s office on December 16, 2022 at 3:00 p.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, State of New Jersey that Mott MacDonald Engineering is hereby appointed as Environmental Engineer for the Borough of Wood-Ridge from the date of this resolution through December 31, 2023, subject to assignment of work and authorization to proceed with performance of services by the Borough Administrator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract for Environmental Engineer for the year 2023 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: 035-2023
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECTS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage the services of an Architect for the year 2023, 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. 102-2022 adopted on September 21, 2022, the Borough determined it intended to acquire professional services for the year 2023 pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 115-2022 adopted on November 30, 2022 the Borough extended the submission date to December 16, 2022; 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 3:00 p.m. on December 16, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the RFQ(s) were publicly opened and announced by the Borough Clerk at the Borough Clerk’s office on December 16, 2022 at 3:00 p.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, State of New Jersey that Connolly & Hickey Historical Architects; DMR Architects; and DiCara Rubino are hereby appointed as Architects for the Borough of Wood-Ridge from the date of this resolution through December 31, 2023, subject to assignment of work and authorization to proceed with performance of services by the Borough Administrator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract for the Architect for the year 2023 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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APPOINTMENTS: All Effective as of January 1, 2023

Nomination by the Mayor requiring advice and consent of the Borough Council,
unless otherwise noted

- e. **ADA Coordinator:**
Paul S. Barbire, Esq. 1-year term to 12/31/23
- f. **Assessment Searcher:**
Gina Affuso 1-year term to 12/31/23
- g. **Deputy Borough Clerk:**
Cathleen Calabro 1-year term to 12/31/23
- h. **C.E.P.A. Officer (Conscientious Employee Protection Act):**
Paul S. Barbire, Esq. 1-year term to 12/31/23
- i. **Chiropractor:**
Leonard V. Deleasa, D.C. 1-year term to 12/31/23
- j. **Office of Community Services:**
Catherine Cassidy – Coordinator 1-year term to 12/31/23
- k. **Office of Emergency Management:**
William Wolfsohn – Coordinator 3-year terms to 12/31/25
Michael O’Donnell – Deputy Coordinator
- l. **Board of Health:**
Maria Rojas - Member 3-year term to 12/31/25
- m. **Historian:** 1-year terms to 12/31/23
Catherine Cassidy – Historian
Patricia Sloan – Deputy Historian
Carl Dittman – Assistant Historian
Dorothy Dobek – Assistant Historian
- n. **Municipal Court Judge:**
Not applicable until 2024
- q. **Planning Board:** (Nominated by the Borough Council) 1-year term to 12/31/23
Michael Donato – Class III Member
- r. **Office of Property Maintenance:** 1-year terms to 12/31/23
William Wolfsohn - Code Enforcement Officer
Richard Pronti - Deputy Code Enforcement Officer
Thomas Bischoff, Jr. - Assistant Code Enforcement Officer
- s. **Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.):**
Paul S. Barbire, Esq. 1-year term to 12/31/23
- u. **Office of Safety and Risk Management:**
William Wolfsohn – Coordinator 1-year term to 12/31/23

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- x. **Teterboro Aircraft Noise Abatement Advisory Committee:**
Designated Representative of the Mayor and Council:
Gina Affuso 1-year term to 12/31/23

- y. **Assistant Treasurer:**
Kyle Wiedemann 1-year term to 12/31/23

- z. **Bureau of Vital Statistics:** 3-year terms to 12/31/25
Gina Affuso - Registrar
Susan Schulz - Deputy Registrar
Cathleen Calabro – Alternate Deputy Registrar

- aa. **Zoning Officer:** 1-year term to 12/31/23
Richard Pronti

- bb. **Fire Prevention Bureau (Licensed Inspectors):** 1-year terms to 12/31/23
John Kurz – Fire Official
Christopher Mazzocchi – Deputy Fire Official
Gilbert Ruiz - Inspector
Al Cirelli - Inspector
Thomas Bischoff, Jr. - Inspector

- cc. **Fire Department Officers:** 1-year terms to 12/31/23
Kenneth C. Schulz Sr. - Chief
Kevin Cribben – 1st Assistant Chief
Justin Berta - 2nd Assistant Chief
Nicholas Meglio - Captain
Ronald Phillips, Jr. - Lieutenant
Fred Dressel, V - Lieutenant
Liam Maloney - Lieutenant
Nicholas Fallon - Secretary
Thomas Bischoff, Jr. - Recording Secretary
Ronald Phillips, Sr. - Treasurer

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Roll Call: Azzolini yes, Altamura yes, Marino yes, Romero yes, Mabel yes, Donato yes

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ADMINISTRATION OF OTHER OATHS OF OFFICE

- a. Police Officer Joseph Barbiera

Mayor Sarlo called Joseph Barbiera to the dais to administer the oath of office. He was accompanied by his parents, grandparents, sister and girlfriend along with Chief O'Donnell, Captain Battaglia and Captain Biamonte.

Chief O'Donnell expressed his congratulations to Joe and his family and welcome aboard.

GOVERNING BODY REMARKS & PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Sarlo recognized the following Officials and Dignitaries present:

Board of Education President Albie Nieves

Board of Education Vice President Joe Biamonte

Police Chief Michael O'Donnell

Tax Collector Kellie Romero

Planning Board Members Anthony Iacovino, Jeff Magnusson and Chris Inserra

Recreation Commission Members Lori Ann Iacovino, Ray Crews and Rich Wall

Former Council Members Bob Riccardella, Catherine Cassidy and Joe DiMarco

Former Library Board Trustee Ann Riccardella

Former Shade Tree Commission Chairman George Meglio

Fire Department Officers Chief Ken Schulz, Assistant Chief Justin Berta, Captain Nick Meglio and Lieutenant Liam Maloney

Michele Mabel:

Happy New Year to everyone! Thank you to my family and friends for coming out especially after a late night! I'm blessed to have such a great support group who are always there for me. I would like to thank Cathy and Joe for their years of service and wish them good luck in the future. Mike and I have big shoes to fill but I can't think of anyone better to start this journey with.

I would like to express my gratitude to the voters for placing your trust in me. I also want to thank Mayor Sarlo and Council for your support. I'm honored and incredibly grateful to be joining this remarkable team. I thank each of you for your guidance and leadership throughout my campaign. I could not have succeeded without you. I look forward to working with each of you to keep WR moving in the right direction.

To my family... It's been a commitment for all of you and you have each embraced the journey - even the countless photo shoots. A special thank you to my husband, Jason for being my number one fan and for dealing with all my craziness. Your love and support have given me the strength and confidence to get me to where I am today.

To my 3 boys... I know it wasn't always easy and you had to sacrifice a lot of time without me during campaigning. Thank you for understanding and for being the sweet, loving boys that you are! Thank you to my in-laws for always stepping up and being there to babysit.

Finally, I would like to thank my mom and dad for being the best role models. Your hard work and dedication have influenced me to be the strong person I am today. Being raised by a marine and retired state trooper has taught me the true meaning of respect, dedication, hard work and commitment to your community.

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As your next councilwoman, I promise to model these core values when serving our community. I would like to end with a quote I learned from a good friend: Always be part of the solution and not the problem! And that's exactly what I plan on doing. I'm here to listen and be your voice. And together we will... make positive impact on Wood-Ridge.

Michael Donato:

Good afternoon and Happy New Year! I want to thank all the Wood Ridge people who voted and supported me in this nomination and election. It was great meeting so many new residents in my door-to-door campaigning and I was very happy to get to know some of the town people and have some interesting conversations.

I am so proud of and honored to be part of this great town and part of this dedicated council of Wood Ridge. I am so thankful for your assistance during this entire time.

I want to thank my wife Kathy and my sons Michael and Nick for their support these last few months of my campaigning. I also want to thank my Mom, Fran, and my Brother Stephen and my dear friends Vinny and Teresa and their son Dr. Anthony Russo for being part of this day.

I can't say enough about the Mayor and Council in this town - they are hardworking and supportive and this makes Wood Ridge a great town to live in. I would also like to recognize Michele Mabel, my successful running mate. I would also like to thank Chris Eilert, our borough administrator, for all his assistance in helping me get oriented to the council.

Lastly, I want to let everyone know that I take this position very seriously and I will work hard for the people in any way I can and make them as proud as I am to live here in this town of Wood Ridge.

My dad passed away a few weeks ago and I know that he would be very proud of me today. God Bless you all and God Bless Wood-Ridge.

Councilman Azzolini:

When you sit up here and listen to everyone and see and hear the emotion in everyone, it transcends throughout us all. We put our heart and soul into what we do for our community. I also want to wish Happy birthday to my wife Toni Ann.

Councilman Romero:

Cathy, thank you for being a mentor when I first started on council. I learned so much from you. Joe thank you for everything you have done. I will miss you both. Congratulations to Mike and Michele. Special mention and thanks to my wife Kellie.

Councilman Altamura:

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve with Cathy and Joe all these years. Thank you for your service and dedication to the community. Good luck to Mike and Michele who will be a great addition to the team. Thank you to all the council. Special thanks to my girlfriend Jane.

Councilman Altamura presented Michele and Mike with a gift on behalf of the council to welcome them aboard.

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Councilman Marino:

Good luck to Mike and Michele. I think you will both do great work here on the council. Thanks to Joe and Cathy who have done an amazing job serving the community all these years. Special thanks to my wife Andrea.

Gina Affuso:

Thank you to Cathy and Joe for everything. It has been a true honor to serve you. Good luck to Mike and Michele. I am sure you will both do an amazing job serving the community.

Paul Barbire:

Thank you to the Mayor and Council for reappointing me. Onward to progress in 2023 and happy and healthy new year to everyone.

Chris Eilert:

Thank you to the governing body for your support and confidence and for reappointing me. I want to thank Cathy and Joe for all their service and friendship. Congratulations to Michele and Mike who I know will do a great job as councilmembers. Special thanks to my girlfriend Brenda, who is warm, beautiful, intelligent and caring. She does an incredible job taking care of me and our home and giving me support to be able to serve the public and be out in the evenings and on weekends attending community events. I know I can speak for everyone in public life when I say that we are all able to do what we do because we have supportive and loving people at home who understand the sacrifices that must be made to serve the public. Happy and healthy new year to everyone.

Mayor Sarlo:

It has been said and it is understood by everyone in this town, but I have to say that Chris Eilert is “THE premier Borough Manager and Administrator”. No one understands the workings of government, how to move the levers of government, understands policy and the politics that go along with policy better than Chris. He is recognized. If you ask Governor Murphy who Chris Eilert is, he knows who Chris Eilert is because he knows that no one knows local government better than he does. I used the word blessed a lot, but there is no secret. Our operations are better than any other town around. That’s how clean we are. That’s who Chris is. I know I have OCD, I know he has OCD, but he is very good at it and what he does. Just down to the details of getting here yesterday to make sure the air condition was turned on and the fonts, by the way, the fonts are this big (held up paper for view). All the details, from the littlest details to the biggest details of reading a 200 page document is what he is all about. So thank you Chris.

Mayor’s Annual Address

2022 was yet another year of tremendous progress in the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

- We had no tax increase for the 2nd year in a row.
- Construction of the Wood-Ridge Athletic Complex was completed and all amenities were fully open including the Concession Stand, the Playground, and the Dog Run.
- We renovated the High School Auditorium into a beautiful and modern, state-of-the-art venue to showcase the performing arts talent of our students. When completed next month, it will feature the latest technologies in lighting, acoustics, and sound.
- We renovated the Fire Department Meeting Room to make it an inviting and comfortable “home away from home” for our volunteers who risk their lives to protect us.
- Our sidewalk and tree safety program abated approximately 75 dangerous locations with new sidewalks and new trees.

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In 2023 we will build on our unmatched record of investing in our school facilities. There is not another Mayor and Council in the State of New Jersey that has done more to invest in its school facilities in partnership with the Board of Education. And we have done so in a deliberative and strategic manner that has minimized public debt and minimized any negative impact on our taxpayers.

In the time that I have been Mayor, we built an addition on Doyle School; we opened the Wood-Ridge Intermediate School; we installed air conditioning and security systems in all our schools; we replaced roofs, windows and heating systems in all our schools; we bought laptop computers for all our students; we built new parking lots and installed new landscaping at all our schools; we built a playground for Doyle School; and we renovated the Science Labs, the Gym, and the Auditorium at the High School.

We were able to make multi-million-dollar investments without negatively impacting our taxpayers because we engage in strategic budgeting in which we plan the timing of capital investments to coincide with new revenue streams so that projects don't require long-term debt.

This year we will embark on a project to expand our school facilities to provide more classrooms and smaller class sizes for our elementary grades and more individualized learning spaces for our students with specialized educational needs. Once again, because of our prudent planning, we will be able to take on this project with minimal impact to our taxpayers. Additional details on our school plans will be released in the near future.

Our strategy of investing in our infrastructure and educational and athletic facilities has paid off. We have a Double A bond rating, our taxes are reasonable and stable, our municipal services are second to none, our streets are clean, our neighborhoods are safe, and our home values keep increasing by levels that outpace those of neighboring towns. I could have never dreamed when I first ran for Mayor, that Wood-Ridge would have homes selling for 800 and 900 thousand dollars on a regular basis, that we would be attracting new residents from all over New Jersey and New York, and that our public facilities and services would be considered to be amongst the best in Bergen County.

I want to thank the Members of the Borough Council and all of the Borough Officials, Employees, and Volunteers for everything you do to keep our town running so smoothly. Wood-Ridge has a reputation for outstanding services and responsive customer service because of your hard work and dedication. Not a day goes by that I'm not stopped by residents who tell me how much they love Wood-Ridge, or how good our town looks, or how wonderful our services are, or how dedicated our employees and volunteers are. I say to anyone who criticizes our town or the services we provide or the government we run – get a newspaper or go on-line and read about the turmoil and disfunction that goes on in many other towns on a regular basis. It doesn't happen in Wood-Ridge because we have strong leadership, we have excellent employees and volunteers, and we run a tight ship. I say to the critics, if you aren't happy in Wood-Ridge, then you won't be happy anywhere.

Serving as Mayor of Wood-Ridge has been the greatest honor of my life. I love being Mayor of the town I was born and raised in. I take pride in the fact that my sons attended the same schools and participated in the same recreation programs that I did. I wake up every day with the same energy, enthusiasm, and excitement that I did when I was first elected Mayor. I sincerely thank the voters of Wood-Ridge for supporting me and entrusting me with this privilege for so many years.

And so today, I proudly announce that I will be running for re-election as Mayor this year. I look forward to running on my record of stabilizing taxes, putting our town on a strong financial footing, rebuilding our infrastructure, investing in our schools and athletic facilities, and keeping our streets clean, our neighborhoods safe, and our home values strong. I pledge to continue to work hard every day to preserve what we have achieved and to strive to accomplish much more.

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I have 3 major goals for my next term as Mayor. The first is to expand our school facilities to increase the number of classrooms and reduce class sizes in the elementary grades. The second is to secure the closure and demolition of the old and decrepit NJ Transit Maintenance Facility and replace it with acres of beautiful open space and parkland for our residents to enjoy. And the third is to see the blighted and obsolete Curtiss Wright factory complex gutted and transformed into an attractive and modern high-tech logistics center that will be a highly productive ratable for our community for years to come.

Wood-Ridge is a great town and it keeps getting better. But success doesn't happen by accident. Keeping a community prosperous and well managed requires a lot of skill, a lot of planning, and a lot of attention to details. Not everyone is up to the task; talk is cheap, but performance separates winners from losers. Our administration has proven itself time and again and has kept Wood-Ridge in the winning column for the past two decades.

I'm ready for the challenge and I look forward to building on our accomplishments and leading our town to the next level of success and prosperity. God willing, and with the continued support of the residents of Wood-Ridge and the team that we have assembled, I look forward to leading Wood-Ridge for many years to come.

Thank you and God Bless the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

Mayor Sarlo read the following and presented Ann and Bob Riccardella with plaques for their service to the community:

Ann and Bob Riccardella both retired at the end of 2022 and decided to move to their country home in upstate New York so they could spend more time traveling and visiting their children and grandchildren. We wish them both many years of health and happiness in retirement.

Ann was a volunteer of the Jr. Football, Cheering and Wrestling programs, a member of the Library Board and the Wood-Ridge Democratic Committee.

Bob was President of the Jr. Football League, Founder and President of the Jr. Wrestling program, Member of the Board of Education and Borough Council and served as Police Commissioner. He was Branch Manager and Regional Manager of the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission, Chief of Staff to the Bergen County Executive, Executive Director of the Bergen County Ambulance Authority, Commissioner of the NJ State Parole Board and Chairman of the Wood-Ridge Democratic Municipal Committee.

Thank you for your 30 years of service to the community.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Mayor Sarlo declared the Hearing of Citizens to be open. With no citizens wishing to be heard, the hearing of citizens was closed.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Sarlo called for a Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Councilperson Azzolini, seconded by Councilperson Donato moved for adjournment. By unanimous vote of the members of the Council present, the Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge held on January 1, 2023 was duly adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Affuso, RMC
Borough Clerk