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1902nd REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

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

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT:

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.

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation of Plaques to Auxiliary Police for their years of service.

Presentation of Valor Awards to Ex Chief Thomas Bischoff, Firefighter Mateusz Czwakiel and Firefighter Nicholas Fallon.

Presentation of Certificates Honoring Members of Wood-Ridge Fire Department for their years of service.

- Thomas Sarracino - 42 years
- Robert Cribben - 42 years
- Gregory Gorab - 41 years
- Kenneth Schulz - 40 years
- Thomas Bishoff, Jr. - 40 years
- Dennis “Bo” Kronyak, Jr. – 27 years
- Ronald Phillips, Jr. – 26 years

ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING:

None

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE:

None

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

None

PETITIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

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

REPORTS OF GOVERNING BODY:

Chairs of Council Committees and Council Liaisons to Boards, Commissions, Committees & Constituencies

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Administrator:	Eilert
Borough Clerk:	Affuso
Attorney:	Barbire
Engineer:	Neglia

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS: If any, on file in clerk's office

FIRST HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Mayor Sarlo declares the Hearing of Citizens to be open.

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.

1. **MINUTES:**

Minutes of the November 29, 2023 Meeting.

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

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| 108-2023 | Payment of Bills. |
| 109-2023 | Resolution Extending Towing Licenses until March 30, 2024. |
| 110-2023 | Resolution to Adopt Formal Policy for Home Depot Credit Account Store Card. |
| 111-2023 | Resolution Authorizing Bergen County Utilities Authority to Provide the Services of a Certified Recycling Professional. |
| 112-2023 | Resolution Authorizing Vehicles and Equipment for Public Auction with GovDeals. |
| 113-2023 | Resolution Authorizing Mayor and Clerk to Execute Shared Services Agreement with Bergen County for Employee Assistance Program. |
| 114-2023 | Resolution Approving Cancellation of Outstanding Checks. |
| 115-2023 | Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of 2023 Budget Appropriations. |

3. **APPLICATIONS:**

- a. Applications from St. Peters Haven for an On-Premise 50/50, Last Man Standing 50/50, and a Tricky Tray on November 30, 2023 at the Fiesta.
- b. Application from Wood-Ridge Little League for a Casino Night on January 19, 2024 at the Fiesta.
- c. Application from Rutherford Irish American Association for an On-Premise 50/50 on February 3, 2024 at the Fiesta.

All applications have been approved by the Wood-Ridge Police Department.

4. **APPOINTMENTS:**

None

5. **HIRINGS:**

None

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Mayor Sarlo declares the Hearing of Citizens to be open.

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson _____, seconded by Councilperson _____, moved for adjournment. By unanimous vote of the members of the Council present, the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge held on December 20, 2023 was duly adjourned at _____ p.m.

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CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Sarlo called the Borough of Wood-Ridge Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: was led by Council President Azzolini

ROLL CALL:

Mayor:	Paul Sarlo – present
Council President:	Dominick Azzolini – present
Council:	Ezio Altamura – present
	Edward Marino – present
	Philip Romero – present
	Michele A. Mabel – present
	Michael Donato – present
Borough Attorney:	Paul Barbire – arrived at 7:18 pm
Borough Engineer:	Brian Intindola – excused
Borough Clerk:	Gina Affuso – present
Borough Administrator:	Chris Eilert – present

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Mayor Sarlo wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation of Plaques to Auxiliary Police for their years of service:

Mayor Sarlo was joined at the Dias by Chief O’Donnell, Captain Battaglia and Captain Biamonte who presented Ron Santiago, Lucy Gebhardt, Dan Diuro and Matthew Hughes with plaques. Chief O’Donnell spoke about their dedication and years of service to the community and the department.

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Presentation of Valor Awards to Ex Chief Thomas Bischoff, Firefighter Mateusz Czwakiel and Firefighter Nicholas Fallon:

Mayor Sarlo was joined at the Dias by Council Phil Romero who read the following and presented each one with a certificate:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge is pleased to recognize Thomas Bischoff, Mateusz Czwakiel and Nicholas Fallon for their heroic actions; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2022, Truck 904 was requested to 192 Boulevard in Hasbrouck Heights for smoke coming out of the second-floor structure. Assistant Chief Justin Berta confirmed the working fire and instructed Truck 904 to position in front of the structure, ladder the building and send a crew for a primary search of the fire floor. Ex Chief Thomas Bischoff and his crew consisting of Firefighters Czwakiel and Fallon quickly ascended to the second floor and conducted a search of the fire room wherein they located a victim between the bed and wall. With the assistance of the Hasbrouck Heights engine crew which was working to extinguish the fire, these three Wood-Ridge Firemen were able to remove the semi-conscious victim from the fire room, down a tight stairwell and out of the building where EMS was standing by; and

WHEREAS, their victim is alive, doing well, and is forever grateful for the swift actions that saved her life; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, that the Borough of Wood-Ridge pays tribute to Thomas Bischoff, Mateusz Czwakiel and Nicholas Fallon, for their quick-thinking action in a life-threatening situation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Borough of Wood-Ridge be affixed this 20th day of December in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Three.

Presentation of Certificates Honoring Members of Wood-Ridge Fire Department for their years of service

Mayor Sarlo was joined at the Dias by Council Phil Romero who presented certificates to each of the following members for their service.

***PROCLAMATION
Honoring
THOMAS SARRACINO***

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge wish to congratulate Thomas Sarracino for his forty-two years of service to the Wood-Ridge Fire Department, and

WHEREAS; Tom began his service with the Wood-Ridge Fire Department and Emergency Squad in October, 1981 and

WHEREAS, Tom has exemplified all the attributes of a selfless human being, foregoing his own wants, needs and desires in order to serve the residents and businesses of the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the past 42 years; and

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WHEREAS, Tom has been the recipient of two (2) Unit citations and an accommodation from the Borough for his actions on September 11th wherein he led 125 co-workers to safety; and

WHEREAS, Tom has taken his sense of service and commitment to an even higher level by serving as Secretary, Lieutenant and Captain of the Emergency Squad, Secretary, Recording Secretary, Lieutenant, Captain, Chiefs of the Fire Department, Vice-President and President of South Bergen Zone II Chief's Association, Secretary to the Relief Association; and LOSAP Coordinator.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that we hereby honor **THOMAS SARRANCIO** for his 42 years of service to the Wood-Ridge Fire Department and Emergency Squad.

PROCLAMATION
Honoring
ROBERT CRIBBEN

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge wish to congratulate Robert Cribben for his forty-two years of service to the Wood-Ridge Fire Department, and

WHEREAS; Robert recently retired from the Wood-Ridge Police Department where he served as a Dispatcher; and

WHEREAS, Robert has exemplified all the attributes of a selfless human being, foregoing his own wants, needs and desires in order to serve the residents and businesses of the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the past 42 years; and

WHEREAS, Robert has been the recipient of two (2) Unit citations; and

WHEREAS, Robert is a Life Member of the New Jersey State Exempts Association; and

WHEREAS, Robert is the father of Michael and Kevin Cribben who has served as chiefs of the Wood-Ridge Fire Department.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that we hereby honor **ROBERT CRIBBEN** for his 42 years of service to the Wood-Ridge Fire Department.

***PROCLAMATION
Honoring
GREGORY GORAB***

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge wish to congratulate Gregory Gorab for his forty-one years of service to the Wood-Ridge Fire Department, and

WHEREAS; Greg began his service with the Wood-Ridge Fire Department and Emergency Squad in April, 1982 and

WHEREAS, Greg has exemplified all the attributes of a selfless human being, foregoing his own wants, needs and desires in order to serve the residents and businesses of the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the past 41 years; and

WHEREAS, Greg has been the recipient of two (2) Unit citations and a CPR Save award; and

WHEREAS, Greg has taken his sense of service and commitment to an even higher level by serving as Secretary, Lieutenant and Captain of the Emergency Squad, Secretary of the Fire Department and Treasurer of the Wood-Ridge Firemen's Exempt Association; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that we hereby honor **GREGORY GORAB** for his 41 years of service to the Wood-Ridge Fire Department and Emergency Squad.

***PROCLAMATION
Honoring
KENNETH SCHULZ***

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge wish to congratulate Kenneth Schulz for his forty years of service to the Wood-Ridge Fire Department, and

WHEREAS; Ken began his service with the Wood-Ridge Fire Department in September, 1983 and

WHEREAS, Ken has exemplified all the attributes of a selfless human being, foregoing his own wants, needs and desires in order to serve the residents and businesses of the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the past 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Ken has been the recipient of one (1) Unit citations, a CPR Save award and numerous commendations for valor; and

WHEREAS, Ken has taken his sense of service and commitment to an even higher level by serving as Lieutenant, Assistant Chief, and Chief of the Department.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that we hereby honor **KENNETH SCHULZ** for his 40 years of service to the Wood-Ridge Fire Department.

***PROCLAMATION
Honoring
THOMAS BISCHOFF, JR.***

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge wish to congratulate THOMAS BISCHOFF, JR. for his forty years of service to the Wood-Ridge Fire Department, and

WHEREAS; Tom began his service with the Wood-Ridge Fire Department in April, 1983 and

WHEREAS, Tom has exemplified all the attributes of a selfless human being, foregoing his own wants, needs and desires in order to serve the residents and businesses of the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the past 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Tom has recently retired as a hazardous materials technician from Bergen County HazMat and is presently working part-time as a firefighter with the NJSEA Meadowlands Fire Department.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that we hereby honor **THOMAS BISCHOFF, JR.** for his 40 years of service to the Wood-Ridge Fire Department.

***PROCLAMATION
Honoring
DENNIS “BO” KRONYAK, JR.***

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge wish to congratulate Dennis “Bo” Kronyak, Jr. for his twenty-seven years of service to the Wood-Ridge Fire Department, and

WHEREAS; Dennis began his service with the Wood-Ridge Fire Department and Emergency Squad on December 2, 1996 and

WHEREAS, Dennis has exemplified all the attributes of a selfless human being, foregoing his own wants, needs and desires in order to serve the residents and businesses of the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the past 27 years; and

WHEREAS, Dennis has been the recipient of numerous commendations for valor; and

WHEREAS, Dennis has taken his sense of service and commitment to an even higher level by serving as Lieutenant and Captain (3 times) of the Emergency Squad, Lieutenant and 1st Assistant Chief of the Fire Department and Chief of the Carlstadt Fire Department while maintaining active status with the Wood-Ridge Fire Department.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that we hereby honor **DENNIS “BO” KRONYAK, JR.** for his 27 years of service to the Wood-Ridge Fire Department and Emergency Squad.

**PROCLAMATION
Honoring
RONALD PHILLIPS, JR.**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge wish to congratulate Ronald Phillips, Jr. for his twenty-six years of service to the Wood-Ridge Fire Department, and

WHEREAS; Ron began his service with the Wood-Ridge Fire Department on November 3, 1997 and

WHEREAS, Ron has exemplified all the attributes of a selfless human being, foregoing his own wants, needs and desires in order to serve the residents and businesses of the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the past 26 years; and

WHEREAS, Ron has been the recipient of numerous commendations for valor; and

WHEREAS, Ron has taken his sense of service and commitment to an even higher level by serving as Lieutenant, Captain, 1st Assistant Chief and Chief of the Fire Department.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that we hereby honor **RONALD PHILLIPS, JR.** for his 26 years of service to the Wood-Ridge Fire Department.

At this time, a 2-minute recess was taken to allow for photos.

ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING:

None

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE:

None

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

None

PETITIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

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REPORTS OF GOVERNING BODY:

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Council President Azzolini:

No report

Councilperson Altamura:

Police- On November 9, 2023, the Wood-Ridge Police Department provided traffic control for the Veterans Day Service at the Walk of Freedom located at Hackensack Street and Highland Avenue. On November 24, 2023, Chief O'Donnell and members of the Wood-Ridge Police Department attended the annual tree lighting ceremony at the Veterans Park located on Valley Boulevard. During this month, our certified L.E.A.D. instructors began teaching this program to the 6th grade class. Sgt. Manfredonia, Ptl. Janz, Ptl. Cangialosi and Ptl. Ochiuzzo are the officers who will visit the WRIS for the next several months teaching our students. On November 29, 2023, Chief O'Donnell and Captains Biamonte and Battaglia attended the monthly Bergen County Police Chief's Meeting at the Bergen County Law and Public Safety Institute. At this meeting, the Chiefs and their second in command discuss the issues and crime trends affecting Bergen County. They also discuss policy and guideline changes and the impact on their departments. SLEO Onnembo continues to be a strong force within the school community as he remains actively involved in the Safety Patrol at the WRIS. He has coordinated visits from the Motorcycle Units of the Wood-Ridge and Carlstadt Police Departments as well as a visit from the Wood-Ridge Fire Department. He is also coordinating a toy drive with the New Jersey Transit Police Department for the months of November and December. The Borough of Wood-Ridge would like to thank all of our Auxiliary Police officers for their many years of service to our community.

Recreation- These are the Recreation Commission Meeting minutes for the Recreation Commission Meeting of November 8, 2023. Recreation Basketball, Travel Basketball & Wrestling registrations have begun for the winter sports season. Wrestling is a cooperative program with the Borough of Lodi. Indoor soccer is beginning registration. Indoor play will be held at the Robert L Craig School in Moonachie. Thank you to Borough of Moonachie & Ed Monti for securing the space.

Councilperson Marino:

No report

Councilperson Romero:

No report

Councilperson Mabel:

No report

Councilperson Donato:

No report

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Administrator Eilert: Budget transfers are on this evenings agenda so there should be no further meetings this year.

Borough Clerk Affuso: no report

Attorney Barbire: progress

Engineer Neglia: on file

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REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS: If any, on file in clerk's office

FIRST HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Mayor Sarlo declared the Hearing of Citizens to be open.

Patrick DiRoma of 115 Truman Drive asked for a follow up on traffic incidents at Wesmont Station. Administrator Eilert updated Mr. DiRoma on the reports given by the Police Chief. Police reports show that there were 2 accidents in the Wesmont neighborhood involving pedestrians in 2023. Neither one was caused by speeding and neither one resulted in injuries to the pedestrians. The police will continue to monitor and enforce traffic ordinances.

With no other citizens wishing to be heard, the hearing of citizens was closed.

RESOLUTIONS VOTED SEPARATELY:

**RESOLUTION NO.: 108-2023
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

WHEREAS, there has been presented to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, the attached list of invoices requesting payment of the work, labor, services and materials supplied to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, said list and certification specify the exact line item in the Budget or Ordinance to be charged therewith; and

WHEREAS, said list and certification has been reviewed and approved by the Members of the Borough Council Finance Committee as certified by their signatures on this resolution; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that payment of said invoices is hereby approved and authorized and the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to draw warrants in payment thereof, same to be signed by the proper officials of the Borough, who are hereby authorized to sign same; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that certification of the Chief Financial Officer of the availability of funds therefore shall be attached to the original copy of the Resolution and both are kept in the files of the Municipal Clerk.

Councilperson Altamura requested a separate roll call for Check No. 85155, 85172, 85246 and 85263 on Payment of Bills.

Motion: Councilperson Donato, seconded by Marino moved to the adoption of Payment of Bills with abstentions.

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

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CONSENT AGENDA:

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MINUTES:

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RESOLUTIONS: Adoption of the following

**RESOLUTION NO.: 109-2023
RESOLUTION EXTENDING TOWING LICENSES UNTIL MARCH 30, 2024**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge approved applications for towing licenses to David’s Towing, Nick’s Towing and Nutchies Towing at its meeting of December 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms of the said application the applications will expire on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Towing Ordinance is presently under review it is the recommendation of the Borough Administrator and Police Chief that an extension of the said applications be granted through March 30, 2024.

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 applications submitted by David’s Towing, Nick’s Towing and Nutchies Towing be extended to March 30, 2024.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 110-2023
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A FORMAL POLICY FOR THE HOME DEPOT CREDIT ACCOUNT
STORE CARD**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge maintains a Home Depot Credit Account and store card for the convenience and efficiency of Borough business; and

WHEREAS, the formal policy with respect to this credit account should be adopted on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, upon recommendation of the Borough Administrator and the CFO to authorize the formal store card policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- 1) Only authorized personnel are to have use of the Home Depot Store Card. Those individuals are as follows: The Department of Public Works Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Supervisor, Assistant Supervisor, Supervising Maintenance Repairer, Supervising Mechanic and the Fire Chief, 1st Assistant Fire Chief and 2nd Assistant Fire Chief.

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- 2) Upon using the store card, the individual must take a hard copy of the Purchase Order to be signed by the store as well as enter a requisition into the Edmunds software for proper approvals.
- 3) After each purchase, the receipts and corresponding purchase order must be turned into the Finance Department for verification. Copies of these items will also be maintained in the department of the employee who made the purchase(s).
- 4) For material purchase(s), the Assistant Treasurer will verify the physical asset was purchased.

RESOLUTION NO.: 111-2023

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE
THE SERVICES OF A CERTIFIED RECYCLING PROFESSIONAL**

WHEREAS, the Borough is required to designate a Certified Recycling Professional; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Utilities Authority has agreed to provide the services of a Certified Recycling Professional; and

WHEREAS, the agreement document to be executed by the Borough of Wood-Ridge and the Bergen County Utilities Authority for the purposes hereinabove described is annexed hereto and is made a part of this resolution.

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

1. The Mayor of the Borough of Wood-Ridge is hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached contract with the Bergen County Utilities Authority.
2. If applicable a Certificate of Availability of Funds pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57 has been certified to by the Chief Finance Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof.
3. Funds are subject to an appropriation by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge and will be provided by the local finance office when appropriated.

RESOLUTION NO. 112-2023

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FOR PUBLIC AUCTION WITH
GOVDEALS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has determined that certain personal property as described on the attached schedule is no longer needed for public purpose; and

WHEREAS, various services conduct auctions for such purpose from time to time; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 requires that all such personal property be sold at public sale to the highest bidder.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The attached schedule of Borough property is hereby declared to be surplus and no longer needed for public purposes; and
2. The Borough will auction said surplus at the first available auction conducted by GovDeals; and
3. The Borough reserves the right to reject any and all bids if it determines such rejection to be in the public interest;
4. Successful bidders shall be responsible for removing any vehicles and/or equipment within 48 hours of the public auction. All items are sold “as is” and all sales are final.

RESOLUTION NO.: 113-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BERGEN COUNTY TO PROVIDE EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, there has been proposed a Shared Services Agreement between the Borough of Wood-Ridge and the Bergen County Department of Health Services to provide an Employee Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge is desirous to enter into a 1-year contract via the Uniform Shared Services Act (N.J.S.A.:40A:65-1) with the Bergen County Department of Health Services for the aforementioned services.

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the contract is \$3,000.00 for 2024. The Financial Officer has determined sufficient funds are available in the General Account as is evidenced by Treasurer's Certification attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the contract documents to be executed by the Borough of Wood-Ridge and the Bergen County Department of Health Services for the purposes hereinabove described are annexed hereto and is made a part of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk of the Borough of Wood-Ridge are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with the Bergen County Department of Health Services.
2. Said agreement has been reviewed by the Borough Attorney and Board of Health and said officials approve of same as to form and substance.
3. The Mayor and Council confirm and ratify any and all prior actions taken by the appropriate officials of the Borough of Wood-Ridge with respect to the subject agreement.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 114-2023
RESOLUTION APPROVING CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS**

WHEREAS, there are checks that have remained outstanding on the Current Fund bank reconciliation, and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to cancel these outstanding checks;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, that the following outstanding checks be cancelled:

Borough of Wood-Ridge Stale Current Fund Checks Cut Prior to 6/30/23					
Number	Amount	Date	Budget Account	Vendor	
81953	\$ 2,300.00	7/21/2022	2-01-29-390-099	GUS' LAST WORD	
82291	505.55	9/21/2022	2-01-26-310-030	MATERA'S NURSERY	
82361	60.00	10/19/2022	2-01-28-370-225	SOPHIE BASICH	
82362	60.00	10/19/2022	2-01-28-370-225	CHLOE BERGMAN	
82363	30.00	10/19/2022	2-01-28-370-225	ALISON GARDELLA	
82367	160.00	10/19/2022	2-01-25-240-099	MORRIS COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY	
82509	60.00	11/10/2022	2-01-28-370-225	SABRINA BASICH	
82510	30.00	11/10/2022	2-01-28-370-225	SOPHIE BASICH	
82511	90.00	11/10/2022	2-01-28-370-225	CHLOE BERGMAN	
82646	30.00	11/18/2022	2-01-28-370-225	CHLOE BERGMAN	
82699	340.20	11/30/2022	2-01-23-220-100	DAVID GOTHA	
82738	30.00	11/30/2022	2-01-28-370-225	CHLOE BERGMAN	
82974	184.99	1/9/2023	2-01-26-310-030	COLANERI BROTHERS, LLC	
83081	585.30	1/24/2023	2-01-23-220-100	DAVID GOTHA	
83109	250.00	1/24/2023	3-01-30-420-099	BERGEN CTY DEPT OF PARKS	
83332	150.00	2/17/2023	3-01-28-370-205	CHRIS ARGENTI	
83461	494.70	3/15/2023	3-01-23-220-100	DAVID GOTHA	
83655	25.38	4/11/2023	3-01-28-370-201	PATRICK RAINES	
84074	494.70	6/16/2023	3-01-23-220-100	DAVID GOTHA	
	\$ 5,880.82				

RESOLUTION NO.: 115-2023

Resolution Re: Authorizing the Transfer of 2023 Budget Appropriations

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides that should it become necessary, during the last two months of the fiscal year to expend for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the respective sums appropriated over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation, the Borough Council may by resolution setting forth the facts (adopted by not less than 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof) transfer the amount of such excess of those appropriations deemed to be insufficient.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that the following transfers in the 2023 Budget Appropriations are authorized:

Account	From	To
General Administration SW		
General Administration OE		
Mayor & Council SW		
Mayor & Council OE		
Municipal Clerk SW		
Municipal Clerk OE		

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Financial Admin SW		
Financial Admin OE	\$ 10,000.00	
Tech & Info Systems		\$ 30,000.00
Revenue Admin SW		
Revenue Admin OE		\$ 1,000.00
Tax Assessment SW		
Tax Assessment OE	\$ 10,000.00	
Legal Services OE		\$ 20,000.00
Engineering Services	\$ 25,000.00	
Planning Board SW		
Planning Board OE		
Uniform Construction Code SW		\$ 15,000.00
Uniform Construction Code OE		
Liability Insurance OE		\$ 5,000.00
Workers Comp Insurance OE	\$ 13,000.00	
Employee Group Insurance	\$ 85,000.00	
Unemployment Insurance		
Police Department SW		
Police Department OE	\$ 25,000.00	
Police Auxiliary OE		
OEM SW		\$ 2,000.00
OEM OE		\$ 14,000.00
Aid to Volunteer Fire Company SW		
Aid to Volunteer Fire Company OE		\$ 45,000.00
Uniform Fire Safety SW		
Uniform Fire Safety OE	\$ 13,000.00	
Municipal Prosecutor SW		
Streets & Road Maint. SW		
Streets & Road Maint. OE	\$ 50,000.00	
Borough Mechanic SW		\$ 3,000.00
Solid Waste Collection OE	\$ 15,000.00	
Recycling OE		\$ 20,000.00
Buildings & Grounds OE		\$ 45,000.00
Sewer System OE		\$ 5,000.00
Vehicle Maint. OE		\$ 25,000.00
Public Health Services SW		
Public Health Services OE		\$ 1,000.00
Senior Citizens		
Parks & Recreation SW		
Parks & Recreation OE		
Celebration of Events	\$ 5,000.00	
ADAC Program		
Historical Society		
Street Lighting		
Fire Hydrant Service		
Telephone		\$ 5,000.00
Water		
Natural Gas & Electric		

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Sewerage Processing - BCUA Operating		
Sewerage Processing - BCUA Capital		
Sewerage Processing - Borough of Lodi		
Sewerage Processing - PVSC		
Gasoline		
Social Security		\$ 15,000.00
PERS Retirement System		
Municipal Court SW		
Municipal Court OE		
Public Defender SW		
Note Principal		
Note Interest		
TOTAL	\$ 251,000.00	\$ 251,000.00
		\$ -
		\$ 251,000.00

APPLICATIONS:

- a. Applications from St. Peters Haven for an On-Premise 50/50, Last Man Standing 50/50, and a Tricky Tray on November 30, 2023 at the Fiesta.
- b. Application from Rutherford Irish American Association for an On-Premise 50/50 on February 3, 2024 at the Fiesta.

All applications have been approved by the Wood-Ridge Police Department.

APPOINTMENTS:

None

HIRINGS:

None

Motion: Councilperson Donato, seconded by Azzolini 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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The weather is expected to be nice next week so the sweeper will be out. Please put your leaves at the curb.

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NEW BUSINESS:

SECOND 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.

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Mabel, seconded by Councilperson Altamura moved for adjournment. By unanimous vote of the members of the Council present, the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge held on December 20, 2023 was duly adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Affuso, RMC
Borough Clerk