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1893rd REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 8, 2023 – YOUTH GOVERNMENT NIGHT

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Will everyone please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Mayor:	Paul Sarlo / Braden Negro
Council President:	Dominick Azzolini / Andrea Gadaleta
Councilperson	Ezio Altamura / Mairead Helly
Councilperson	Edward Marino / Connor Ferguson
Councilperson	Philip Romero / Rocco Laurito
Councilperson	Michele Mabel / Sabrina Basich & Sophie Basich
Councilperson	Michael Donato / Christian Hutchison
Borough Attorney:	Paul Barbire / Emilie Dine
Borough Clerk:	Gina Affuso / Gavin DeRobertis
Borough Administrator:	Chris Eilert / Owen Caprio

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 PRESENTATION:

None

ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING:

None

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1 (COLA)

CALENDAR YEAR 2023 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A-4-45.14)

Advertisement of the above Ordinance has been made according to law and a copy of the Ordinance was posted on the bulletin board.

Mayor Sarlo calls for a Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2023-1

Mayor Sarlo closes Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2023-1

Motion: Councilperson ____, seconded by ____ moved to the adoption of Ordinance #2023-1

Discussion:

Youth Roll Call: Gadaleta, Helly, Ferguson, Laurito, Basich & Basich, Hutchison

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-2 (LOSAP)

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 83, ENTITLED LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM

Advertisement of the above Ordinance has been made according to law and a copy of the Ordinance was posted on the bulletin board.

Mayor Sarlo calls for a Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2023-2

Mayor Sarlo closes Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2023-2

Motion: Councilperson ____, seconded by ____ moved to the adoption of Ordinance #2023-2

Discussion:

Youth Roll Call: Gadaleta, Helly, Ferguson, Laurito, Basich & Basich, Hutchison

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

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-3

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-4

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 513 ENTITLED VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC BY THE ADDITION OF NEW 4-WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that **Ordinance No. 2023-3 and 2023-4** as above, be passed on first reading, to be published in the Record on **March 13, 2023** and public hearing on the Ordinance to be held at the Regular Meeting on **April 19, 2023** at 7:00 p.m. or soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, in the Municipal Building, 85 Humboldt Street, Wood-Ridge, New Jersey.

Motion: Councilperson _____, seconded by _____ moved to the adoption of Ordinance #2023-3 and 2023-4

Discussion:

Youth Roll Call: Gadaleta, Helly, Ferguson, Laurito, Basich & Basich, Hutchison

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

PETITIONS:

None

BIDS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

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

- a. Letter from DiCara Rubino regarding Design Build at the Highland Avenue Learning Annex and Recreation Center Project.

REPORTS OF GOVERNING BODY:

Mayor Braden Negro
Council Buildings & Grounds Committee Chair – Councilperson Christian Hutchison
Council Finance Committee Chair – Councilperson Connor Ferguson
Council Fire Committee Chair – Councilperson Rocco Laurito
Council Law, Land Use, Code Enforcement Committee Chair - Councilperson Sabrina Basich
Council Public Information & Events Committee Chair – Councilperson Sophie Basich
Council Police Committee Chair - Councilperson Mairead Helly
Council Public Works Committee Chair - Councilperson Andrea Gadaleta

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Borough Administrator Owen Caprio:
Borough Attorney Emilie Dine:
Borough Auditor Lauren Bhargava:
Borough Clerk Gavin DeRobertis:
Borough Planner Maggie Cupo:

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS:

Chief Financial Officer	Shannon Lee-Gomez
Construction Code Official	Matthew Kikkert
Emergency Management Coordinator	Eric Barton
Fire Prevention Official	Mackenzie Burke
Health Officer	Collin Herford
Library Director	Gianna Roncaioli
Municipal Court Administrator	Dakota Bentley
Municipal Court Judge	Matthew Murray
Municipal Court Prosecutor	Kyle Reiter
Police Chief	Liam Kelly
Public Works Superintendent	Tyson Herishen
Purchasing Agent	Nicholas Roncaioli
Recreation Director	Patrick Herford
Registrar of Vital Statistics	Gianna Pasquinucci
Tax Assessor	Olivia Waytowich
Tax Collector	Remy Ottevaere
Zoning Officer	Olivia Bak

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 February 15, 2023 Meeting.

2. **RESOLUTIONS:**

- 048-2023 Resolution Authorizing Payment of Bills.
- 049-2023 Resolution with Appendix Authorizing the Commencement of the Design-Build Process Pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-53, and Adopting Related Procedures and Authorizing Related Actions and Designations.
- 050-2023 Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of 2022 Budget Appropriation Reserves.
- 051-2023 Resolution Authorizing and Endorsing Application for Federal Grant Under U.S. House Of Representatives Committee on Appropriations Community Project Funding Program for Replacement of Anderson Avenue Sanitary Sewer Pump Station with New Blum Boulevard Sanitary Sewer Pump Station.

3. **APPLICATIONS:**

- a. Application from HSA St. Thomas the Apostle School for an On-Premise 50/50 and Tricky Tray on May 11, 2023 at the Fiesta.

4. **APPOINTMENTS:**

None

5. **HIRINGS:**

- a. Hiring of Gary Whritenour as DPW Seasonal Laborer salary per salary ordinance effective March 13, 2023.

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

Youth Roll Call: Gadaleta, Helly, Ferguson, Laurito, Basich & Basich, Hutchison

Council 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 March 8, 2023 was duly adjourned at _____ p.m.