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1908th REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 17, 2024

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:	Ezio Altamura
	Dominick Azzolini
	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 Borough's bulletin board and website and was forwarded to the Record and the Star Ledger.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Filling of the Vacancy on the Borough Council and Related Ministerial Actions

1. Motion to Suspend the Regular Order of Business for the above stated purpose

Motion: Councilperson _____, seconded by _____

Discussion:

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

The 1908th Regular Meeting of April 17, 2024

2. Accepting letter from the Wood-Ridge Democratic Municipal Committee, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11, nominating 3 candidates (Jerome J. Cala, Audrey Musella, Richard J. Wall) for consideration by the Governing Body for appointment to fill the Council Vacancy filed with the Borough Clerk on April 8, 2024.

Motion: Councilperson _____, seconded by _____

Discussion:

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

3. Nomination to fill the Vacancy on the Borough Council

Motion: Councilperson _____, seconded by _____

Discussion:

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

4. Adoption of Resolution 070-2024 ratifying the Appointment by the Governing Body to fill the Vacancy on the Borough Council

Motion: Councilperson _____, seconded by _____

Discussion:

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

5. Administration of the Oath of Office to New Councilmember

6. Adoption of Resolution 071-2024 establishing new Roll Call of the Mayor & Council:

Mayor: Paul Sarlo
Council: Ezio Altamura
Dominick Azzolini
Philip Romero
Michele A. Mabel
Michael Donato
Richard J. Wall

Motion: Councilperson _____, seconded by _____

Discussion:

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

7. Adoption of Resolution 072-2024 establishing new Council Committee and Liaison assignments

Standing Committee Name	Chair	Vice Chair	Member
Buildings & Grounds	Wall	Mabel	Donato
Finance, Insurance & Administration	Donato	Azzolini	Wall
Fire & Emergency Management	Romero	Azzolini	Donato
Law, Land Use & Code Enforcement	Donato	Wall	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	Mabel	Azzolini	Wall
Special Committee on Recreation Facilities	Romero	Donato	Altamura

Board, Committee, Commission or Constituency	Liaison
Board of Education & PTA	Mabel
Board of Health	Donato
Bergen County Community Development	Wall - Donato
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 _____

Discussion:

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

8. Motion to Resume the Regular Order of Business

Motion: Councilperson ____, seconded by ____

Discussion:

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

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None

ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Hearing on the Submission of a 2024 Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Municipal Park Improvement Program Grant Application

Pickleball Courts & Practice Fields at the Wood-Ridge Athletic Complex

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-5

CALENDAR YEAR 2024 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 #2024-5

Mayor Sarlo closes Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2024-5

Motion: Councilperson ____, seconded by ____ moved to the adoption of Ordinance #2024-5

Discussion:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-6

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 530, ENTITLED ZONING

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 #2024-6

Mayor Sarlo closes Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2024-6

Motion: Councilperson ____, seconded by ____ moved to the adoption of Ordinance #2024-6

Discussion:

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

ORDINANCE 2024-7

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE KNOWN AS BLOCK 290; LOT 1 ON THE WOOD-RIDGE TAX MAP AND FURTHER IDENTIFIED AS 288 HIGHLAND AVENUE, WOOD-RIDGE, NJ PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL LANDS AND BUILDINGS LAW N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, ET SEQ.

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 #2024-7

Mayor Sarlo closes Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2024-7

Motion: Councilperson ____, seconded by ____ moved to the adoption of Ordinance #2024-7

Discussion:

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

ORDINANCE 2024-8

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 530, ENTITLED ZONING

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 #2024-8

Mayor Sarlo closes Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2024-8

Motion: Councilperson ____, seconded by ____ moved to the adoption of Ordinance #2024-8

Discussion:

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

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.

Acted on under Special Order of Business - - See pages 1-4 of agenda

1. Letter from the Wood-Ridge Democratic Municipal Committee, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11, nominating 3 candidates (Jerome J. Cala, Audrey Musella, Richard J. Wall) for consideration by the Governing Body for appointment to fill the Council Vacancy filed with the Borough Clerk on April 8, 2024.

REPORTS OF GOVERNING BODY:

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

Mayor: Paul Sarlo
Council President: Ezio Altamura
Councilperson: Dominick Azzolini
Philip Romero
Michele A. Mabel
Michael Donato
Richard J. Wall

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 April 3, 2024 Meeting.

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

- 070-2024 Acted on under Special Order of Business - - See pages 1-4 of agenda
- 071-2024 Acted on under Special Order of Business - - See pages 1-4 of agenda
- 072-2024 Acted on under Special Order of Business - - See pages 1-4 of agenda
- 073-2024 Payment of Bills
- 074-2024 Endorsing the 2024 Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Application for Municipal Park Improvement Program
- 075-2024 Authorizing Mayor and Clerk to Execute Shared Services Agreement with The County of Bergen To Provide Limited Tree Removal Services.
- 076-2024 Reappointment of Timothy Henderson as Wood-Ridge Tax Assessor.
- 077-2024 Formally Sponsoring the Friends of The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library for Quasi-Entity III Insurance Coverage Through the South Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.
- 078-2024 Accepting Plans and Specifications as Prepared by Neglia Engineering for 2 New Tennis Courts at Bowman Park on Jocelyn Avenue and Authorizing Procurement Process for same.
- 079-2024 Approving Order for New Fire Hydrant Installation and Associated Water Main Extension.
- 080-2024 Authorizing Shared Service Agreement with BCUA for Solid Waste Cooperative Marketing.
- 081-2024 Approving Person-To-Person / Place-To-Place Transfer of Liquor License AC Gourmet, Inc. to Al Chile Restaurant and Bar, LLC.

3. **APPLICATIONS:**

None

4. **APPOINTMENTS:**

- a. Appointment of Marion Cornejo as a Probationary Firefighter effective April 17, 2024.

5. **HIRINGS:**

None

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

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

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 April 17, 2024 was duly adjourned at _____ p.m.