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1928th REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

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 President:	Michele Mabel
Council:	Ezio Altamura
	Dominick Azzolini
	Philip Romero
	Michael Donato
	Richard Wall

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 town bulletin board and the town website and was forwarded to the Record and the Star Ledger.

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None

ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING:

None

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE:

ORDINANCE #2025-16

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.

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 #2025-16

Mayor Sarlo closes Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2025-16

Motion: Councilperson _____, seconded by _____ moved to the adoption of Ordinance #2025-16

Discussion:

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

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

BOND ORDINANCE 2025-17

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$5,000,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that **Ordinance No. 2025-17** as above, be passed on first reading, to be published in the Record on **September 22, 2025** and public hearing on the Ordinance to be held at the Regular Meeting on **October 1, 2025** 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 No. 2025-17**

Discussion:

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

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:	Michele Mabel
Council:	Ezio Altamura
	Dominick Azzolini
	Philip Romero
	Michael Donato
	Richard 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 August 20, 2025 Meeting.

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

- 114-2025 Payment of Bills
- 115-2025 Authorizing Refund for Overpayment of Taxes for Block 340 Lot 1.01 Qualifier C1809
- 116-2025 Approving submission of SAGE Grant Application for FY2026.
- 117-2025 Adopting a Deferred Compensation Plan and Service Agreement provided by Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America.
- 118-2025 Authorizing Capital Budget Amendment.

3. **APPLICATIONS:**

- a. WR Recreation Junior Football & Cheer Off-Premise 50/50 on October 25, 2025 at the WR Jr/Sr High School.
- b. Friends of Secaucus Public Library On-Premise Tricky Tray and 50/50 raffle on October 21, 2025 at The Fiesta.
- c. Mary Help of Christians Academy Tricky Tray and On-Premise 50/50 on April 23, 2026 at the Fiesta.
- d. Wood-Ridge Little League On-Premise 50/50 and Tricky Tray on October 18, 2025 at Assumption School.
- e. Care on the Corner Community Center On-Premise 50/50 and Tricky Tray on October 23, 2025 at the Fiesta.

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

4. **APPOINTMENTS:**

- a. None

5. **HIRINGS:**

- a. Hiring of Jerome Onnembo, Robert Stasion and Scott Drotos as Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers of the Wood-Ridge Police Department for the September 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 school year with salary as per salary ordinance.
- b. Hiring of Thomas Reilly, Lucy Gebhardt, Laurie DeTorres, Ramona McAvoy, Joan Kanbayashi, Roseann Zielinski, Nick Calabrese, Maryann Stendardo, Cathy Mursch, John Gingerelli, Richard Ippolito and Therese DiMase as Full Time Crossing Guards of the Wood-Ridge Police Department for the September 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 school year with salary as per salary ordinance.
- c. Hiring of Kathy Romano, Ron Santiago, William Ochiuzzo and Thomas Reinhart as Relief Crossing Guards of the Wood-Ridge Police Department for the September 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 school year with salary as per salary ordinance.

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

Roll Call: Mabel, Altamura, Azzolini, Romero, 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 September 17, 2025 was duly adjourned at _____ p.m.`