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1942nd REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 19, 2026

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:	Philip Romero
Council:	Ezio Altamura
	Dominick Azzolini
	Michele Mabel
	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 TAPinto.

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None

ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING:

None

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE:

None

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

BOND ORDINANCE 2026-8

BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND IN ITS ENTIRETY THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 2025-15) ENTITLED: "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE 2025 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $2,700,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, 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," ADOPTED ON JULY 29, 2025.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that **Bond Ordinance No. 2026-8 as** above, be passed on first reading, to be published according to law and public hearing on the Ordinance to be held at the Regular Meeting on September 16, 2026 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 **Bond Ordinance No. 2026-8**

Discussion:

Roll Call: Romero, Altamura, Azzolini, Mabel, 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:	Philip Romero
Council:	Ezio Altamura
	Dominick Azzolini
	Michele Mabel
	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 July 15, 2026 Meeting.

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

106-2026	Payment of Bills.
107-2026	Awarding Food Concessionaire/Commercial Kitchen Operator Contract at the Wood-Ridge Athletic Complex.
108-2026	Approving Veteran Tax Exemption for Block 230 Lot 3.
109-2026	Approving Veteran Tax Exemption for Block 324 Lot 6.
110-2026	Acknowledging Receipt of the 2025 Annual Audit.
111-2026	Amendment to the 2026 Municipal Budget.
112-2026	Approving Self Examination of 2026 Municipal Budget
113-2026	Adoption of the 2026 Municipal Budget

3. **APPLICATIONS:**

   a. Block party on Sussex Road on July 4, 2026 from 1pm-10pm
   b. Block party on Sixth Street on July 19, 2026 from 11am-7pm.
   c. Block party on Marlboro Road on August 15, 2026 from 2pm-10pm.
   d. Wood Ridge Junior Football Cheer for an Off-Premise Raffle on October 24, 2026 The Wood Ridge High School.
   e. Rutherford HS All-Sports Booster Club for an On-Premise 50/50 on December 1, 2026, March 18, 2027 and June 7, 2027 at the Fiesta.
   f. Rutherford Little League for an On-Premise 50/50 on September 27, 2026 at the Fiesta.

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

4. **APPOINTMENTS:**

   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, 2026 to June 30, 2027 school year with salary as per salary ordinance.
   b. Hiring of Thomas Reilly, Lucy Gebhardt, Laurie DeTorres, Ramona McAvoy, Roseann Zielinski, Nick Calabrese, Maryann Stendardo, Cathy Mursch, John Gingerelli, Richard Ippolito. Rich McAvoy, Thomas Reinhart and Therese DiMase as Full Time Crossing Guards of the Wood-Ridge Police Department for the September 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 school year with salary as per salary ordinance.
   c. Hiring of Kathy Romano, Richard DeTorres and William Ochiuzzo as Relief Crossing Guards of the Wood-Ridge Police Department for the September 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 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: Romero, Altamura, Azzolini, 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 August 19, 2026 was duly adjourned at _____ p.m.