

An Executive Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge was called to order by Mayor Paul Sarlo at 7:00 PM on February 2, 2010 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 85 Humboldt Street Wood-Ridge, New Jersey.

ROLLCALL:

Mayor:	Paul A. Sarlo
Council:	Ezio Altamura
	Thomas Gonnella
	Catherine Cassidy
	Richard Carbonaro
	Dominick Azzolini
	Edward Marino
Borough Attorney:	Paul S. Barbire (arrv 7:15)
Borough Engineer:	Brian Intindola
Borough Clerk:	Diane Thornley
Borough Admin:	Chris Eilert

SUNSHINE NOTICE:

This meeting is being held in accordance with P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, and the notice requirements of the law have been met by appropriate notice being forwarded to The Record, The Herald News and Wood-Ridge Independent setting forth the date, time and place of said meeting and by posting a copy of same on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

Engineering: (Neglia)

1. **DONNA RICKER FIELD**

NJSIAA Softball modification completed by Land Tek during January.

2. **NJDOT LOCAL AID SEVENTH AND NINTH STREET**

Preconstruction meeting completed anticipated start date last week in February

3. **2009 COORDINATED ROAD PROGRAM**

Project is substantially complete with punch list items underway.

4. **DESIGN PROPOSALS**

Upon review of concept plans, design proposal to be submitted.

5. **BIANCHI HOUSE SITE UPGRADES**

Plans under review. Next step, develop specifications for pre bid review.

6. **14TH STREET FIELD**

Minor drainage improvements scheduled to be installed this week.

General items to be discussed:

1. Youth Day - March 16th

Mayor Sarlo advised he would get the speaker for that day and the tour would be at the Bergen County Jail.

Proclamation:

Proclaiming February as Strong Kids, Strong Families, Strong Communities month.

Resolutions:

Resolution 35-2010: Approval of participation in the Public Archives and Records Infrastructure Support (PARIS) grant program to meet the strategic records management, preservation, and storage needs of county and municipal government.

Be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, THAT:

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has launched its pioneering Public Archives and Records Infrastructure Support (PARIS) grant program to meet the strategic records management, preservation, and storage needs of county and municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, a top priority of the PARIS grants program is to achieve efficiencies of cost and operation through shared services and to create a service structure for municipalities that do not have the resources to create one for themselves; and

WHEREAS, in the 2010-11 grant cycle, priority funding will be given to county projects shared services projects with its constituent municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge desires to collaborate with the County of Bergen in the performance PARIS Grant Shared Services ; and

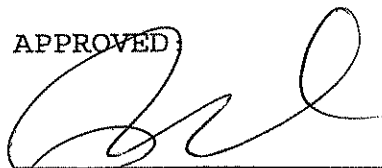
WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge is acknowledging that their eligible funding of \$40,000.00 will be leveraged with the County of Bergen; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge is acknowledging that the County of Bergen would be both the lead agency and the applicant for such a proposal; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of Wood-Ridge, that the Borough of Wood-Ridge does support and commit to cooperation and participation in the PARIS grant for the purposes set forth above, and to execute and deliver all documents required incident thereto.

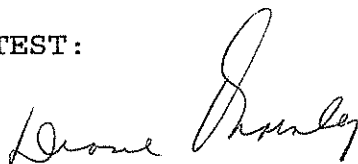
ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge at a meeting held on February 2, 2010.

APPROVED



RAUL A SARLO, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Motion: Councilwoman Cassidy seconded by Councilman Carbonaro moved to approve the above resolution.

Rollcall: Altamura yes, Gonnella yes, Cassidy yes, Carbonaro yes, Azzolini yes, Marino yes.

Resolution 36-2010: Bid proposals submitted for the 2010-2011 Tree Removal and Tree Trimming Program be rejected.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has advertised for bids for the 2010-2011 Tree Removal and Tree Trimming Program pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 of the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, four (4) bids were received by the Borough Clerk on December 8, 2009 for the Tree Removal and Tree Trimming Program in the Borough of Wood-Ridge; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator, Borough Engineer and Borough Attorney have reviewed the bid documents and have advised the Mayor and Council that the bid proposals should be rejected for the reason that bid proposals exceed the amount appropriated; and

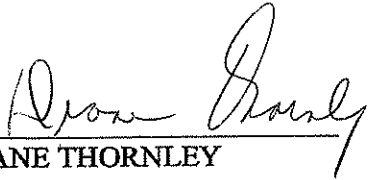
WHEREAS, the Borough Council has reviewed the recommendations made by the Borough Administrator, Borough Engineer and the Borough Attorney on the said bid.

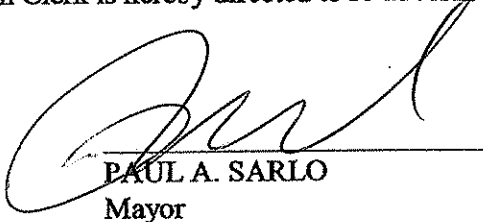
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that the bid proposal submitted be rejected for the reasons set forth hereinabove.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to return the certified checks and/or bid bonds of the following unsuccessful bidder:

Almstead Tree and Law Service
Downes Tree Service
Andy Matt
N. Matera and Sons

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, Bergen County, New Jersey that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to re-advertise for bids.


DIANE THORNLEY
Borough Clerk


PAUL A. SARLO
Mayor

Motion: Councilwoman Cassidy seconded by Councilman Carbonaro moved to approve the above resolution.

Rollcall: Altamura yes, Gonnella yes, Cassidy yes, Carbonaro yes, Azzolini yes, Marino yes.

Resolution 37-2010: To Confirm the Endorsement of Community Development Project: Senior Center Refurbishment

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development grant of

\$ 64,240.00 has been proposed by the Borough of Wood Ridge

for Senior Center Improvements in the municipality

of the Borough of Wood Ridge, and

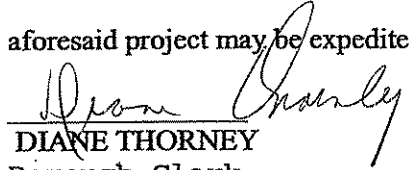
WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and

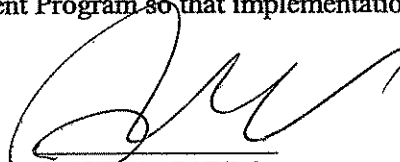
WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the Borough of Wood Ridge, and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid CD funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Wood Ridge hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.


DIANE THORNEY
Borough Clerk


PAUL A. SARLO
Mayor

Motion: Councilwoman Cassidy seconded by Councilman Carbonaro moved to approve the above resolution.

Rollcall: Altamura yes, Gonnella yes, Cassidy yes, Carbonaro yes, Azzolini yes, Marino yes.

Administrator advised that on Resolution #37-2010 they are going to change the refurbishment of the Senior Center to an elevator which would be about a 2 year project.

Tax Appeals: Status Quo

Other Legal: NONE

Councilman Altamura: advised he would like to bring up Mr. McGahn who resigned from the recreation commission after serving 12 years. Keep Wood-Ridge Beautiful Committee, advised that Joan Wilkinson would be speaking to the 3rd grade on March 15th; also advised the Boy Scouts would be celebrating 100 years and would like to bring them up at the February 16th meeting. They would do the flag salute and the Borough will do a proclamation.

Councilman Gonnella: advised the Junior Fire Department would be holding its first meeting this month, and that Rich Damanski has done a great job with the website. He also advised that he would be on the advisory board for PEOSA. There is a meeting tonight with the Traffic Safety Committee, they would be asking for funds for the "Keep Kids Alive Drive 25" program.

Councilwoman Cassidy: advised that the Director of the Library has resigned. The police would be hiring a part time crossing guard and dispatcher which is on tonight's meeting.

Councilman Carbonaro: reported on Community Development and advised there meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 4th.

Councilman Azzolini: reported on Finance advised there was a 6:00 pm meeting with Gary Vinci regarding the budget, it has been extended to March 31st.

Administrator Eilert reported that they are waiting to hear about the state aid cuts.

Councilman Marino: advised the Planning Board had their reorganization meeting and Frank Finke was appointed the chairman for another 4 year term. Also advised the Valero gas station will be leveled and a bank would be constructed; reported on Mayors 5K race tentatively scheduled for September 26th.

Seminar Approvals:

1. Diane Thornley to attend Municipal Clerk's Association Education Conference, March 22-25, 2010, Atlantic City at an approximate cost of \$592.
2. Cathleen Calabro to attend Municipal Clerk's Review Course, March 10, 17, 24 2010, in Allendale at a cost of \$487.

Motion: Councilman Carbonaro seconded by Councilman Gonnella moved to approve the above resolution.

Rollcall: Altamura yes, Gonnella yes, Cassidy yes, Carbonaro yes, Azzolini yes, Marino yes.

Appointments:

1. Thomas Faivre as a Wood-Ridge Crossing Guard, Wood-Ridge Auxiliary member and a Part-time Telecommunicator effective February 1, 2010.
2. Eric Yapel has joined the Wood-Ridge Fire Department and has been appointed to a one year probationary period effective February 1, 2010.

Motion: Councilwoman Cassidy seconded by Councilman Azzolini moved to approve the above resolution.

Rollcall: Altamura yes, Gonnella yes, Cassidy yes, Carbonaro yes, Azzolini yes, Marino yes.

Outstanding Agenda Items: NONE

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Mayor Sarlo declared the Hearing of Citizens to be open. Anyone wishing to speak please come to the microphone in front of the room and state your name and address. Please speak clearly into the microphone.

Mrs. Genton, 482 Innes Road, she wanted to know if there was any cost for a PARIS grant, she was advised no there is not. She also questioned the Senior Center resolution and asked about that cost, she was advised this grant is a match grant; she also asked about a bond issue and spoke about the tax appeal for Curtiss Wright. The administrator advised that tax appeal will be coming to an end, we have to pay \$450,000. She wanted to know if our taxes would be reduced after this is paid off, she was advised it would come off the line item but can not guarantee taxes. She read in the Community News about

playing football under the lights, the Mayor advised we would like to have one novelty game under the lights as a trial run.

Andy Anderson 238 Wood-Ridge Street, he advised council that this one night of football would be from Saturday night into Sunday morning and parking should be taken into consideration.

Seeing none and hearing none further, the Mayor declared the Hearing of Citizens closed.

NOTE: Closed Session was called for 7:40 pm, Borough Administrator realized Mr. Josh Trotter from Next G, was there to give a presentation on D-A-S (Distributed Antenna System).

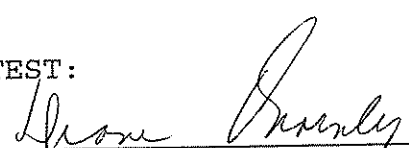
TO CLOSED SESSION:

Resolution #38-2010

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that in accordance with Section 7-b of the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, a Closed Session is hereby called at 7:50 PM on February 2, 2010 to discuss; 1. The purpose of this closed session is to discuss any tactics and techniques used in protecting the safety and property of the public and investigations of violations or possible violations; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters so discussed will be disclosed to the public as soon as and to the extent that such disclosure can be made without adversely affecting the public interest or without violation of the confidentiality of personnel.

ATTEST:


DIANE THORNLEY, Borough Clerk

APPROVED:


PAUL SARLO, Mayor

Motion: Councilman Altamura, seconded by Councilwoman Cassidy moved the adoption of the above resolution.

Rollcall: Altamura yes, Gonnella yes, Cassidy yes, Carbonaro yes, Azzolini yes, Marino yes.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING:

Motion: Councilman Azzolini seconded by Councilman Marino moved to reconvene open meeting at 9:20 P.M.

Rollcall: Altamura yes, Gonnella yes, Cassidy yes, Carbonaro yes, Azzolini yes, Marino yes.

As a result of the closed session Mayor Sarlo made a motion:

Governing Body authorizing Administrator Eilert to proceed with personnel matters as discussed in closed session effective tomorrow February 3, 2010 which includes a disciplinary action against multiple parties in the Department of Public Works.

Motion: Councilman Azzolini seconded by Councilman Carbonaro moved to approve the above authorization.

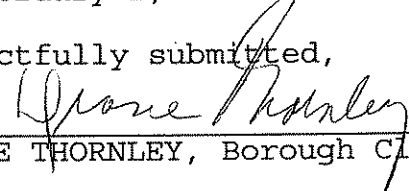
Rollcall: Altamura yes, Gonnella yes, Cassidy yes, Carbonaro yes, Azzolini yes, Marino yes.

Mayor Sarlo stated for the record in which he will repeat again at the February 16th meeting - regarding the Board of Education referendum he wanted everyone to know that Mayor and Council had no role in that process. He is requesting that the Board of Education waits until their budget and the Municipal Budget has been approved before scheduling another referendum.

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Azzolini seconded by Councilman Gonnella moved for adjournment. By unanimous vote of the members of the Council present, the Executive Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge held on February 2, 2010 was duly adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



DIANE THORNLEY, Borough Clerk

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, The Borough of Wood-Ridge is blessed with a multitude of families - an essential part of the cultural, social and spiritual fabric that is Wood-Ridge; and

Whereas, Wood-Ridge recognizes strong families are at the center of strong communities; and

Whereas, everyone has a role to play in making families successful, including neighborhood organizations, businesses, nonprofit agencies, policy makers, and of course, families themselves; and

Whereas, during the Month of February, we should take time to support the importance of families and recognize the special connections that support and strengthen families year-round and

Whereas, we all should recommit to enhancing and extending these family connections and

Whereas, with the assistance and resources of agencies and organizations such as the Meadowlands Area YMCA and it's many programs, we continue to support through partnership, volunteerism, generosity and time to help families of all shapes and sizes create a better future for all of Wood-Ridge's children and their families.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Paul Sarlo, Mayor of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, do hereby proclaim February to be Strong Kids, strong Families, Strong Communities month.

And I commit this observance to the people of the Borough of Wood-Ridge

MAYOR, PAUL SARLO