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EXECUTIVE MEETING OCTOBER 1, 2013

6:30 P.M. FINANCE COMMITTEE TO SIGN VOUCHERS

Borough Clerk reviewed tapes on this meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:03 P.M by Council President Cassidy

ROLLCALL: Mayor: Paul A. Sarlo (absent)  
 Catherine Cassidy  
 Ezio Altamura (absent)  
 Dominick Azzolini  
 Edward Marino  
 Joseph DiMarco  
 Philip Romero  
 Borough Attorney: Paul S. Barbire (absent)  
 Borough Engineer: Brian Intindola  
 Borough Clerk: Diane Thornley (absent)  
 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 Star Ledger setting forth the date, time and place of said meeting and by posting a copy of same on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

APPLICATIONS:

A. Care on the Corner Community Service Center, on premise raffle, October 17, 2013 at the Fiesta.

Motion: Councilman DiMarco, seconded by Councilman Marino moved the adoption of the above application.

Roll call: Cassidy yes, Altamura absent, Azzolini yes, Marino yes, DiMarco yes, Romero yes.

Engineering: Roof project, starting on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Senior Citizen parking lot is in process. Spoke in detail on road program.

**General items to be discussed:**

1. Best Practices Inventory Discussion - Borough Administrator Eilert stated that he presented this to the Finance Committee as we do every year. This is a primarily a financial and management inventory that is promulgated by the Department of Community Affairs. The Borough has a very strong record; we have never scored less than a 90%, this year we scored 94%. The areas that it covers have to do with our public disclosures on our website; we have one of the best rated websites in the County if not the state. Our financial practices are very strong they are in accordance with all state regulations as evidence by the fact that our annual financial audit finds very few exceptions; very few exceptions that need to be corrected from a management stand point. This Governing Body is very proactive over the years in renegotiating contracts with our bargaining units that have achieved significant savings in the areas of health care, and have reduced many other outdated perks which would have been common place years ago in the personnel contracts. The Borough scored very high this year. The score of 94 meant that we only had 3 questions we didn't qualify for and those 3 items were very specific issues that were very unique to the Borough of Wood-Ridge. It is almost impossible for a town to get a perfect score because every town has certain unique circumstances that don't necessarily make sense for it to participant in every single one of the 50 questions. He briefed the Council and stated he is available to answer any specific questions.
2. Scheduling Issues
  - a. Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> Fire Dept. Inspection 5:30 pm, refreshments afterwards.
  - b. Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> Fire Engine Rides, 1-4pm at Firehouse.
  - c. Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, Mayors 5K Race-WRHS
  - d. Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, Assumption picnic 1pm Assumption Church.
  - e. Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mayor & Council meeting, 7pm.
  - g. Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, Senior Halloween Party 4:30pm
  - f. Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, Ragamuffin Parade 12 noon-line up at CVS.
  - g. Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, Mayor & Council meeting, 7pm
  - h. Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> League of Municipalities.

- i. Senior Pasta Dinner, December 13th
- j. Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> Christmas Tree Lighting.
- k. Others - October 20<sup>th</sup> Fire Department Breakfast & November 4<sup>th</sup> Fire Department Meeting; Congressman Pascrell may be in attendance doing a presentation of the \$536,000 grant the Fire Department received.

**Tax Appeals:** Attorney Barbire - absent

**Other Legal:** Attorney Barbire - absent

Administrator Eilert: He reported that the tree at Veteran's Park, which we use as our Christmas tree, has a fungal disease. This tree may need to be removed by next year; it should be fine for this Christmas. There is a tree farm in Pennsylvania where you can purchase a full grown tree.

Reports of the Governing Body were waived.

Seminar Approvals:

- A. New Jersey State League of Municipalities, Atlantic City, NJ, November 19-21, pursuant to policy

Motion: Councilman DiMarco seconded by Councilman Romero moved to approve the above

Roll call: Cassidy yes, Altamura absent, Azzolini yes, Marino yes, DiMarco yes, Romero yes.

Outstanding Agenda Items: None

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Council President Cassidy 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.

Mr. Richard Martinelli - 265 Tenth St. - He wanted to thank the Mayor & Council for the street sign changes. He also thanked Borough Administrator for answering his question regarding what money the school has received from Somerset & Avalon. A very in depth explanation was given by Borough Administrator Eilert regarding the pilot agreement with Avalon Bay-where Avalon Bay could not appeal their taxes. He went into great detail about rental apartments and Somerset filling some of their site over to Avalon Bay and Pulte Homes.

Seeing none and hearing none further, Council President Cassidy declared the Hearing of Citizens closed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Azzolini seconded by Councilman DiMarco 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 October 1, 2013 was duly adjourned at 7:30P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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DIANE THORNLEY, Borough Clerk