

**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING  
MARCH 3, 2015**

The Executive Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge was called to order by Julia Connelly at 7:04 p.m. on March 3, 2015 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 85 Humboldt Street, Wood-Ridge, New Jersey.

**PLEDGE OF ALLIEGANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:** Present were the following:

Mayor: Julia Connelly / Paul Sarlo

Administrator Eilert explained that due to an emergency, Mayor Sarlo would be unable to attend and sends his apologies.

Councilpersons: John Branda, Jr. / Ezio Altamura  
Matthew Rojas / Catherine Cassidy  
Jenna Azzolini / Dominick Azzolini  
Stephanie Seiga / Edward Marino  
Kristina Torres / Joseph DiMarco  
Stephen Lagriola / Philip Romero

Borough Attorney: Drew DeCarolis  
Borough Engineer: Christian Autino  
Borough Clerk: Catherine Calabro / Gina Affuso  
Borough Administrator: Sarah Kuzmenka / Chris Eilert

**SUNSHINE NOTICE:** Julia Connelly

This meeting is being held in accordance with P.L. 1975, Chapter 231. The notice requirements have been met by forwarding appropriate notice to The Record, The North Jersey 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.

**REPORTS OF GOVERNING BODY:** Reports are on file in the Clerk's Office.

Administrator: Sarah Kuzmenka / Chris Eilert  
Borough Clerk: Catherine Calabro / Gina Affuso  
Mayor: Julia Connelly

Councilpersons: John Branda, Jr. / Ezio Altamura  
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Attorney: Drew DeCarolis / Paul Barbire  
Engineer: Christian Autino / Brian Intindola  
CFO: Francis Agudelo / Nicholas Fargo

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS:** Reports are on file in the Clerk's Office.

Police Chief: Ashby McLeod / Chief Rutigliano  
DPW Acting Superintendent: Samantha Tomat / Chris Eilert  
Fire Chief: Yash Gurditta / Chief Phillips  
Tax Collector: Samantha Blo / Jackie Sharkey  
Tax Assessor: Ariana Campagna / Stu Stolarz  
Court Administrator: Claudia Hansen / Sharon Grimaldi  
Construction Code Official: Justin Barat / Gary Ippolito  
Zoning Officer: Akshay Swaminatham / Paul Clemente  
Welfare Director: Stephanie O'Byrne / Sue Frattarelli  
Board of Health Deputy Registrar: Krista Emanuele / Melanie Hammer  
Recreation Chairman: Frankie Altamura / Dennis Brukaber  
Emergency Management Officer: Yovany Tamargo / Paul Dahl  
Shade Tree Chairman: Alexa Pedulla / George Meglio  
Emergency Squad Captain: Ali Abnoui / Captain Pennissi  
Planning Board Chair: Cali Gibney / Frank Finke  
Library Director: Danielle O'Byrne / Kassundra Miller  
Veteran's Representative: Brittany Gudanowski / Joe Cecere  
Borough Auditor: Nitza Granados / Gary Vinci

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**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.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

74-2015 Resolution Celebrating Arbor Day

**RESOLUTION NO.: 74-2015  
RESOLUTION CELEBRATING ARBOR DAY**

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

**WHEREAS**, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

**WHEREAS**, trees in our borough increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

**WHEREAS**, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2015 as Arbor Day in the Borough of Wood-Ridge, and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all citizens be urged to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

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75-2015      Resolution Awarding Bid of 2015 International Model 7400 SFA Chassis with Snow Equipment to Deluxe International Trucks

**RESOLUTION NO.: 75-2015**

**WHEREAS**, one (1) bid was received by the Wood-Ridge Municipal Clerk on February 19, 2015 for the 2015 International Model 7400 SFA Chassis with Snow Removal Equipment and Central Hydraulics; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Financial Officer has determined sufficient funds are available in the General Account as is evidenced by Treasurer's Certification attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that a contract for the 2015 International Model 7400 SFA Chassis with Snow Removal Equipment and Central Hydraulics be awarded to Deluxe International Trucks, Inc. on its bid of \$147,746.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract for same.

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

N/A

and the certified checks or bid bonds of the successful bidder and the next lowest bidder:

N/A

are to be returned upon the receipt of a fully executed contract and other required documents.

**CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS:** Funds are available in capital account C-04-55-905-101 with PO#: 15-00374

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76-2015 Resolution authorizing Neglia Engineering to prepare plans and specifications for 2015 NJDOT Supported Road Program

**ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR  
2015 NJDOT Supported Road Program  
RESOLUTION NO.: 76-2015**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, Bergen County, New Jersey that the Borough Engineer, Michael J. Neglia, is hereby authorized to prepare plans and specifications for **2015 NJDOT Supported Road Program** for a fee of **\$19,580.00**

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**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-6**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDING ARTICLE VI OF THE BY-LAWS OF THE BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE.**

**RESOLUTION 77-2015**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that **Ordinance 2015-6**, entitled as above, be passed on first reading, to be published in the Record on March 6, 2015 and public hearing on the Ordinance to be held at the Regular Meeting on March 24, 2015 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 by Councilperson Cassidey, seconded by Councilperson Altamura moved the adoption of all matters on the above **CONSENT AGENDA**.

**Roll Call:** Altamura yes, Cassidy yes, Azzolini yes, Marino yes, DiMarco yes, Romero yes

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND AND FINAL READING:**

None

**Seminar Approvals:**

- a. Chris Eilert, Dominick Azzolini and Paul Barbire to attend Annual MEL/MRHIF Educational Conference in East Windsor on April 17, 2015;
- b. Chris Eilert and Kellie Romero to attend Annual Report of Senior Citizens & Veterans Property Tax Reduction Seminar at the Fiesta on April 8, 2015;
- c. Chris Eilert to attend Long Term Capital Planning & Budgeting Seminar in Rockaway, New Jersey on April 29, 2015;
- d. Chris Eilert to attend Grant Accounting Workshop in East Brunswick, New Jersey on June 10, 2015;

**APPOINTMENTS:**

None

**HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

Julia Connelly 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 and into the microphone.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Since there was no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Azzolini, seconded by Councilperson Altamura 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 March 3, 2015 was duly adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Administrator Eilert stated that Mayor Sarlo was currently entering the building and asked if everyone would stay for a few moments.

Mayor Sarlo arrived at 8:02 p.m. and apologized for his absence. He stated how important Youth Day has been to Borough for many years and thanked everyone for their participation.

Respectfully submitted,



GINA AFFUSO  
Borough Clerk