

*MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING OF OCTOBER 6, 2015*

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**CALL:**

Mayor:	Paul Sarlo - Present
	Ezio Altamura - Present
	Catherine Cassidy - Present
	Dominick Azzolini - Present
	Edward Marino - Present
	Joseph DiMarco - Present
	Philip Romero- Present
Borough Attorney:	Paul Barbire - Present
Borough Engineer:	Brian Intindola - Present
Borough Clerk:	Gina Affuso - Present
Borough Administrator:	Chris Eilert - Present

**SUNSHINE NOTICE:**

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.

**PRESENTATIONS:** No presentations

**COMMUNICATIONS:** The following communications were received and filed.

Resignation of James Connors as Electrical Code Inspector effective June 30, 2015.

**ENGINEERING: (Neglia)**

Brian Intindola gave an update of the following: (copy of report filed in Clerk's Office)

- 2015 Road Program – moving forward as planned – curbs are being set.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Street Field Improvements –drywall, dugout and bleacher moving as scheduled.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Street Field Improvements – pre-construction meeting last week and work to begin on or about October 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Donna Ricker Field Improvements – pre-construction meeting held. Trying to schedule work at high school during the Christmas week school break.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Street Paving & ADA Work – Valley Boulevard has been paved. Submitting grants to NJDOT and CDBG.

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**General Items discussed:**

- 5K Race - Council reminded residents to participate in the Mayor's 5K Race on October 11<sup>th</sup> at the High School;
- Ragamuffin Parade - Council reminded residents to participate in the Rafamuffin Parade on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 am which will begin by the CVS on Valley Boulevard;
- Reorganization Meeting - Administrator Eilert suggested Council consider changing the 2016 Council dates to Wednesday evenings;
- Planning Board Meeting Dates - Administrator Eilert suggested Council consider changing the 2016 planning board dates to Tuesday evenings;
- Senior pasta dinner - Council President Altamura asked this date be changed from December 4<sup>th</sup> to December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Mayoral Appointment:**

Community Development Representatives (1 year 7-1-15 to 6-30-16)

Member: Toni Ann Azzolini

Alternate: Paul A. Sarlo

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING:**

**BOND ORDINANCE 2015-17**

**BOND ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$700,000 FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO 6TH STREET FIELD, 14TH STREET FIELD AND DONNA RICKER MEMORIAL FIELD IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

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 called for a Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2015-17

Richard Martinelli of 216 Tenth Street asked the Borough needed to request supplemental funds for these projects. Administrator Eilert explained the original amount was to allow the projects to begin in a timely fashion until all bids were final.

With no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Sarlo closed Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2015-17

Motion: Councilperson Altamura, seconded by Cassidy moved to the adoption of Ordinance #2015-17

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-18**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WOOD-RIDGE CODE BY THE MODIFICATION OF CHAPTER 248 ENTITLED ZONING ATTACHMENT 1 REFERENCED IN SECTION 23 THEREIN**

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 called for a Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2015-18

Richard Martinelli of 216 Tenth Street asked for clarification of the modification. Administrator Eilert explained the ordinance was to correct a mathematical error for the 25' front yard setback.

With no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Sarlo closed Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2015-18

Motion: Councilperson Marino, seconded by DiMarco moved to the adoption of Ordinance #2015-18

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

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-19**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WOOD-RIDGE CODE SPECIFICALLY SECTION 232-48, SCHEDULE VIII ENTITLED STOP INTERSECTIONS.**

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 called for a Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2015-19

Mayor Sarlo closed Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2015-19

Motion: Councilperson DiMarco, seconded by Romero moved to the adoption of Ordinance #2015-19

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

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**ORDINANCE 2015-20**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WOOD-RIDGE CODE BY THE MODIFICATION OF CHAPTER 198 ENTITLED MAINTENANCE SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE II ENTITLED DEFINITIONS AS SET FORTH THEREIN.**

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 called for a Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2015-20

Richard Martinelli of 216 Tenth Street asked for clarification of the modification. Administrator Eilert explained the ordinance was to clarify what is allowed to be kept on residential property (i.e. equipment and vehicles) as well as address lawn maintenance issues.

With no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Sarlo closed Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2015-20

Motion: Councilperson Marino, seconded by Azzolini moved to the adoption of Ordinance #2015-20

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

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**ORDINANCE 2015-21**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WOOD-RIDGE CODE BY THE REPEAL OF THE EXISTING CHAPTER 66, ENTITLED PURCHASING AND THE REPLACEMENT THEREOF WITH THE HEREINBELOW MODIFIED PROVISIONS.**

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 called for a Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2015-21

Richard Martinelli of 216 Tenth Street asked for clarification of the modification. Administrator Eilert explained the ordinance was to allow him to serve as the purchasing agent with no additional monies.

With no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Sarlo closed Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2015-21

Motion: Councilperson Marino, seconded by Cassidy moved to the adoption of Ordinance #2015-21

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

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-22**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WOOD-RIDGE CODE SPECIFICALLY THAT SECTION SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 232-55, SCHEDULE XV BY THE ADDITION THERETO OF THOSE STREETS DESIGNATED AS PARKING PROHIBITED CERTAIN HOURS.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that **Ordinance 2015-22**, entitled as above, be passed on first reading, to be published in the Record on October 9, 2015 and public hearing on the Ordinance to be held at the Regular Meeting on October 20, 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 Marino, seconded by Councilperson Azzolini moved the adoption of Ordinance 2015-22.

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

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Tax Appeals: (Barbire) – no report at this time.

Other Legal: (Barbire) – no report at this time.

**Administrator Eilert:**

Administrator Eilert summarized the engineering report given by Brian Intindola.

**Councilman Altamura:**

Council President Altamura stated the fire engine ride would take place after the Mayor's Race on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Altamura stated the Senior Halloween Party will be held on October 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30 and the Trunk or Treat would be at 7:00 at the Intermediate School. He also stated Ragamuffin Parade will begin at 10:30 at CVS on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Councilwoman Cassidy:**

Councilwoman Cassidy announced the new Library Director is Margaret Mellit.

**Councilman Azzolini**

No report at this time.

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**Councilman Marino**

No report at this time.

**Councilman DiMarco**

No report at this time.

**Councilman Romero**

Councilman Romero stated the Fire Department Breakfast will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.

**Mayor:**

Mayor Sarlo stated that this is a busy time of year and a lot of events coming up.

**FIRST 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 and into the microphone.

Indu Bhargava of 318 Wood-Ridge Avenue came to the microphone.

Mr. Bhargava: "On September 22<sup>nd</sup> there was an arrest made in town. The owner's son of Angeloni's was arrested and I'd like to understand why that wasn't released to the paper when other towns release it to the paper. Whose policy is it and is it the Borough considering a review of that policy to protect the residents"?

Mayor Sarlo: "We do not have a police blotter. The Chief, years ago, eliminated the release of the police blotter to the Independent, and it's been years since there has been a release, especially on various municipal court violations. That's just been the policy that he has had and maintained, and it depends on whether or not he'll refer a case to the prosecutor's office or not. It also depends on how much information they want to give the public. So it is not our discretion as a public body".

Mr. Bhargava: "But isn't that a disservice then to the town? Like Mayor... let me... here's what I know... OK... I know that the town, changed a party location from Angeloni's to Vesta's for a retirement party, so if the Borough was made aware....?"

Administrator Eilert: "That's not accurate. I had a retirement luncheon for a DPW employee that was never scheduled anywhere but at Vesta. We never moved locations. It was suggested that 'wouldn't be nice to have it in town'. I was in the opinion, and I'll put it on record, that it was not a good idea to have a retirement party in town because it was happening at lunch, during

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the day, I was giving the men the afternoon off, and I didn't want anyone to have the perception that, our men, wearing their uniforms, were drinking beer on the town's time. So I tried to go to Stingers in Wallington and they couldn't accommodate us because they had a repass. So then I called Vesta to ask if they could accommodate us, because I wanted a private room and I wanted to be out of town so that we would not be accused of having men drinking on the job".

Mayor Sarlo: "Sammy Rios retired after many years".

Council President Altamura: "Actually I had spoken to Indu, because he is my neighbor, and I had said that we moved it, and I felt more comfortable doing that. That was my personal choice and I did mention that to him".

Mr. Bhargava: "So as Mayor and Council, with a new Chief coming in, I think we should look at the policy, and suggest that when you have crimes of a certain nature, where there is a sex crime committed in this town, it should be released to the paper, not only to protect the victim but any potential victim".

Mayor Sarlo: "Indu, we will not as a governing body, comment on any potential active case, regardless of what the crime is. That's not our roll here. Our roll here is, the Police Chief reports to the Mayor, in an administrative capacity. If there is some type of major catastrophe or major problem in the town where we need to get information to the public, we have a Public Relations Emergency Management Committee where we will meet with our Borough Attorney, Police Chief and others, if there is any danger to the public, and that's where we will sit and meet and discuss. Whether it is a hurricane, or potential closure of a school, or a potential terrorist action, that is something that the Police Chief with the prosecutor's office with notify us and it will be our job to have that. But for every day, and thank God, because I prefer it for all the years I've been doing this, every day type of crimes, allegations of crimes, until these are flushed out in a court of law, by us discussing it in a public manner, we are only interfering in that process and that's not fair to both the victim... especially the victim, and those who have been charged. So this really, at this point in time, is not even in the hands... the Wood-Ridge Police Department has referred this out... this is no longer in the hands of the Borough".

Mr. Bhargava: "Which I understand. What I'm asking for is not for you to comment on this current case but what I'm as you to do is to review the policy going forward".

Mayor Sarlo: "Yes we can do that".

Administrator Eilert: "We have no law enforcement powers here".

There were various comments made from various residents in the audience that were speaking aloud. These comments were inaudible and unable to be recorded.

Mayor Sarlo: "I would suggest that you do not speak on an ongoing matter and there are allegations going on between both sides, we all hear the rumors, to me they are rumors until the courts of law work through this. To protect your.... I don't even want to say daughter because I

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don't know if your daughter is the victim or not.... but to protect everybody's rights here let's keep it at that".

Administrator Eilert: "Names cannot be published of any potential victim having anything to do with a sex crime".

Mr. Bhargava: "Why do other towns do it then? Why do other towns release the fact that somebody was arrested"?

Administrator Eilert: "Indu we have no law enforcement roll. The Police Chief reports to the Prosecutor. I am speaking to the victim's rights, and the fact that no public authority can even let on to who a victim's identity might be and by someone's presence here tonight, we could be compromised on the record in making an OPRA event".

Mayor Sarlo: "I'm going to shut this down guys. I'm shutting this down because we should not be discussing on record here as to who a potential victim might be and we've done that. So I'm shutting this down, OK Paul (directed to Attorney Barbire) is that fair".

Attorney Barbire: "Yes it is. That is not the Mayor and Council's roll".

Mayor Sarlo: "OK. I don't want to be involved in interfering in this and by us not mentioning a name, where we are potentially putting the victim.... OK".

Man (not on record): "Well that's why I didn't state my name".

Administrator Eilert: "You cannot speak at a public meeting and be anonymous".

Mayor Sarlo: "You cannot speak at a public meeting and be anonymous... We are here to protect".

Mayor Sarlo asked if anyone else wished to speak on any matter. Seeing none and hearing none further, the Mayor declared the Hearing of Citizens closed.

**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:** Adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION NO.: 160-2015  
GRANTEE AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge wish to enter into a Grant Agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$65,000.00 in **2015-2016** Community Development Block Grant funds for **6<sup>th</sup> Street Roadway Improvements** in the Borough of Wood-Ridge; and;

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize **Paul Sarlo** to be a signatory to the aforesaid grant agreement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes **Christopher W. Eilert** to sign all County vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council recognizes that the Borough of Wood-Ridge is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement and that liability of the Mayor and Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

This resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge at a meeting on October 6, 2015.

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**RESOLUTION NO.: 161-2015  
RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVES**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that Joseph DiMarco is appointed the Borough's representative for the Community Development Regional Committee and that Gina Affuso and Brian Intindola are hereby selected as alternate representatives.

This appointment is for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

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**APPLICATIONS:**

- a. Rutherford High School All Sports Booster 50/50 Raffle at the Fiesta on November 24, 2015;
- b. Rutherford High School All Sports Booster 50/50 Raffle at the Fiesta on June 8, 2016;
- c. St. Mary High School Tricky Tray at the Fiesta on November 4, 2015;
- d. St. Mary High School 50/50 Raffle at the Fiesta on November 4, 2015;
- e. Meadowlands Area YMCA off premise 50/50 Raffle at the Fiesta on March 10, 2016;
- f. St. Michaels Church On-Premise Raffle at the Fiesta on March 5, 2015;
- g. St. Michaels Church Off-Premise Raffle at the Fiesta on March 5, 2016;
- h. St. Michaels Church Casino Night at the Fiesta on March 5, 2016;

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- i. Rutherford Education Foundation On-Premise 50/50 Raffle at the Fiesta on November 13, 2015;
- j. Rutherford Education Foundation On-Premise Draw Raffle at the Fiesta on November 13, 2015;
- k. Rutherford Education Foundation Casino Night at the Fiesta on November 13, 2015;
- l. Solicitor License Approval for Dragan Blanusa of ReMax Trading Places, LLC.

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**Seminar Approvals:**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

- a. Appointment of Christopher Cunningham as Acting Electrical Code Inspector effective September 1, 2015 pursuant to Salary Ordinance.
- b. Community Development Representatives-Council  
(1-year 7-1-15 to 6-30-16)  
Member: Joseph DiMarco  
Alternates: Gina Affuso and Brian Intindola of Neglia Engineering

**HIRINGS:**

- a. Hiring of Kathleen Romano, Janet Gunnell, Theresa Dimase and Andrea Luberto as Relief Crossing Guards effective September 28, 2015;

**Outstanding Agenda Items:**

Motion by Councilperson Cassidy, 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

**SECOND 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 and into the microphone.

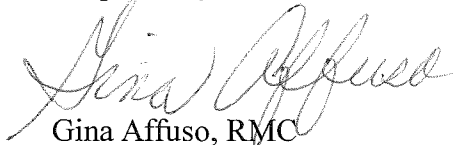
Seeing none and hearing none further, the Mayor declared the Hearing of Citizens closed.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

Since there was no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Azzolini, seconded by Councilperson 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 6, 2015 was duly adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gina Affuso".

Gina Affuso, RMC  
Borough Clerk