

*Minutes of the 1810<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of May 17, 2017*

**BOROUGH OF WOOD RIDGE  
85 HUMBOLDT STREET  
WOOD-RIDGE, NEW JERSEY 07075**

**CALLED TO ORDER:**

Council President Azzolini called the Borough of Wood-Ridge Council meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor:	Paul Sarlo – arrived at 7:21pm
Council:	Dominick Azzolini – present
	Catherine Cassidy – present
	Ezio Altamura – present
	Edward Marino – present
	Joseph DiMarco – present
	Philip Romero – present
Borough Attorney:	Paul Barbire – present
Borough Engineer:	Brian Intindola – excused
Borough Clerk:	Gina Affuso – present
Borough Administrator:	Chris Eilert – present

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT:**

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.

**CEREMONIAL PRESENTATION:** None

**ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING:**

Public Hearing on 2017 Municipal Budget

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**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-7**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WOOD-RIDGE CODE BY THE ADDITION TO CHAPTER 123 ENTITLED PURCHASING. (Emergency Purchases and Contracts)**

Advertisement of the above Ordinance has been made according to law and a copy of the Ordinance was posted on the bulletin board.

Council President Azzolini called for a Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2017-7

Council President Azzolini closed Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2017-7

Motion: Councilperson Cassidy, seconded by Marino moved to the adoption of Ordinance #2017-7

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

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**ORDINANCE 2017-8**

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$630,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, 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.**

Advertisement of the above Ordinance has been made according to law and a copy of the Ordinance was posted on the bulletin board.

Council President Azzolini called for a Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2017-8

Council President Azzolini closed Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2017-8

Motion: Councilperson DiMarco, seconded by Romero moved to the adoption of Ordinance #2017-8

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

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**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:** None

**PETITIONS:** None

**BIDS:** 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:**

Council President Azzolini: During the month of April, the Fire Department responded to 19 alarms of fire in the Borough and 1 mutual aid alarms for a total of 174 hours of service. The Fire Department also expended an additional 172 hours of service including department training, equipment maintenance and other duties for a grand total of 346 work hours. An incident list by alarm is on file with the borough clerk. The Emergency Squad was dispatched to 62 calls including emergency, Wesmont, fire and mutual aid for a total of 283 hours of service. The squad was unable to respond to 11 calls during the month due to lack of squad availability. Those calls were taken by Carlstadt VAC and MICCOM.

Councilwoman Cassidy – no report

Councilman Altamura: Police Department- Chief Goscinski reports on April 14th and April 17th, Police Officer Mueller and Detective Mueller in conjunction with the Wood-Ridge Board of Education conducted Active Shooter Training at the C.E. Doyle School. This completes the entire department's roster for the first 8 hours of a 16-hour certification. The Police Department received two Drunk Driving pedal carts for the DARE program which was funded by the State Drug and Alcohol Coalition. Det. Mueller acquired 30 tourniquets which will be given to ALL Officers for enhanced lifesaving techniques from Hackensack University Medical Center Paramedics. The tourniquets were received directly from Paramedic Ron Spethmann (Wood-Ridge resident) Free of Charge. Officer Joseph Vitkovsky and Officer Joseph Manfredonia are being honored on Monday, May 15th at the Stony Hill Inn for the EMS Excellence awards dinner for a Life Saving award. On Saturday April 29th the Wood-Ridge Police Department once again participated in Operation Drug Takeback in conjunction with the D.E.A. A very successful program to dispose of unused medications. A copy of the full report is on file with the Borough Clerk. Councilman Altamura reminded everyone about the Blue Mass on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am honoring all law enforcement.

Councilman Marino – no report

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Councilman DiMarco reported on the new businesses which are opening on the Boulevard. He is trying to put together a ribbon cutting for June 3<sup>rd</sup> and will advise everyone once it has been organized.

Councilman Romero reported the Shade Tree Commission will be planting in the fall since the plants they selected are not conducive to plant in summer season.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

Administrator, Christopher Eilert explained the Board of Election has approved the Borough's request to change District 4 Polling location from the Senior Center to the Wood-Ridge Intermediate School. This change will provide a much more conducive space and provide more room for both Districts. According to law, notices have been mailed to each registered voter in District 4 and have made signage directing voters where to go.

Borough Clerk, Gina Affuso reminded everyone to vote in the upcoming Primary Election.

Attorney, Paul Barbire reported progress.

Engineer, Neglia Engineering – report on file with borough clerk.

**REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS:** On file in clerk's office

Administration	Fire Department
CFO/Finance	Department of Public Works
Construction Code Official	Police Department
Municipal Court	Tax Collector
Emergency Management	Welfare Director

**REPORTS OF BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS:** On file in clerk's office

Planning Board	Shade Tree Commission
Board of Education	Senior Citizens
Recreation Commission	Veterans
Library Board	Local Assistance Board
Board of Health	Other

**FIRST HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

Mayor Sarlo declares 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.

Assistant Fire Chief Elizabeth Ferry elaborated on the fire awards that were given. In addition to Manfredonia and Vitkovsky, Chief Schulz, Dennis Kronyak, Nick Riccio and she were also presented with lifesaving awards. HUMC also presented the department with an award for their

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participation in the Little Ferry fire last year. Ms. Ferry also thanked the council for all the support and new trucks and equipment which allow them to do their job so effectively.

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

Council President Azzolini turned the meeting over to Mayor Sarlo who arrived at 7:21pm.

**RESOLUTIONS VOTED SEPARATELY:**

Councilman Altamura requested a separate roll call of the Payment of Bills for check #71219 and #71291.

Motion: Councilperson Azzolini, seconded by Cassidy moved to the adoption of Payment of Bills with abstention.

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

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**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.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 12, 2017.

**RESOLUTIONS:** Adoption of the following

**RESOLUTION NO.: 075-2017  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**WHEREAS**, there has been presented to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, the attached list of invoices requesting payment of the work, labor, services and materials supplied to the Borough; and;

**WHEREAS**, said list and certification specify the exact line item in the Budget or Ordinance to be charged therewith; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that payment of said invoices is hereby approved and authorized and the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to draw warrants in payment thereof, same to be signed by the proper officials of the Borough, who are hereby authorized to sign same; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that certification of the Chief Financial Officer of the availability of funds therefore shall be attached to the original copy of the Resolution and both are kept in the files of the Municipal Clerk.

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**RESOLUTION NO.: 076-2017**  
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX SALE REDEMPTION CERTIFICATE OF BLOCK 221,  
LOT 2**

**WHEREAS**, a Tax Sale was held October 27, 2016, by the Borough of Wood-Ridge for delinquent 2015 taxes concerning property designated as Block 221 Lot 2 on the current tax assessment map of the Borough of Wood-Ridge and commonly known as 77 Hackensack Street owned by Hernan Castro and;

**WHEREAS**, Tax Sale Certificate 16-00003 was purchased by:  
US Bank Cust-Pro Cap 4 & Crdts,  
U.S. Bank Global Corp Trst Srv  
50 South 16<sup>th</sup> St. Suite 2050  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

**WHEREAS**, Tax Sale Certificate 16-00003 has been redeemed by Ocwen Loan Servicing LLC for Hernan Castro, who has remitted to the Borough of Wood-Ridge check #2113022377 dated 4/19/17 for \$18,168.67 and;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge has approved the requested redemption amount of \$18,168.67 plus a Premium of \$100.00 for a total of \$18,268.67 to be made payable to:  
US Bank Cust-Pro Cap 4 & Crdts  
U.S. Bank Global Corp Trst Srv  
50 South 16<sup>th</sup> St. Suite 2050  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

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**RESOLUTION NO.: 077-2017**  
**RESOLUTION APPROVING REFUND OF 2017 TAX OVERPAYMENT TO  
BLOCK 288, LOT 18 LOCATED AT 218 14<sup>th</sup> STREET**

**WHEREAS, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL** of the Borough of Wood-Ridge have been informed by the Tax Collector of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that an overpayment of taxes was made by Corelogic Tax Service on Block 288 Lot 18 for property located at 218 14<sup>th</sup> Street in the amount of 2,040.11 for 2nd Quarter 2017 and;

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector is requesting the refund be returned to Corelogic Tax Service 3001 Hackberry Road Irving, TX 75063 and;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to refund the total of \$2,040.11 for overpayment of taxes and be further authorized to adjust the books and records of the Tax Office as required by law.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 078-2017**  
**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE NEW DPW GARAGE  
AND AUTHORIZING CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, Bergen County, New Jersey that the Plans and Specifications for the New DPW Garage as prepared by the Borough Engineer are hereby approved and accepted and the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to advertise for bids.

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**RESOLUTION NO.: 079-2016**  
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEGLIA ENGINEERING TO PREPARE PLANS AND  
SPECIFICATIONS FOR NEW SENIOR CITIZEN BUS, 2017 FORD ALLSTAR XL MODEL  
F550 WITH SEATING CAPACITY FOR A MINIMUM OF 20 PASSENGERS INCLUDING A  
WHEELCHAIR SPACE AND LIFT OR EQUAL**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, Bergen County, New Jersey that Neglia Engineering, is hereby authorized to prepare plans and specifications for a "New Senior Citizen Bus, 2017 Ford Allstar XL Model F550 with Seating Capacity for a Minimum of Twenty (20) Passengers including a Wheelchair Space and Lift or Equal".

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**RESOLUTION NO.: 080-2017**  
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2017 FORD SUPER DUTY F-250  
SRW XL 4WD PICK-UP TRUCK FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to purchase one (1) 2017 Ford Super Duty F-250 SRW XL 4WD Vehicle for use by the Department of Public Works in the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, said vehicle may be purchased through State Contract #A88727; and

**WHEREAS**, the maximum amount of the purchase contract is \$43,408.50 and 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

**WHEREAS**, public bids are not required when the purchase is pursuant to a state contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 of the Local Public Contracts Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen as follows:

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk of the Borough of Wood-Ridge are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purchase of one (1) 2017 Ford Super Duty F-250 SRW XL 4WD Vehicle made reference to hereinabove.
2. Any and all appropriate Borough officials are hereby authorized to execute any additional documentation which may be required with respect to this vehicle purchase. In addition the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge hereby confirm and ratify any and all prior actions taken by the

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various officials of the Borough of Wood-Ridge with respect to the subject vehicle purchase and/or agreement and/or appropriation.

3. All Ordinances and/or Resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with this Resolution shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately in accordance with appropriate law.

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**RESOLUTION NO.: 081-2017**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2017 FORD SUPER DUTY F-450  
4WD DUMP TRUCK FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to purchase one (1) 2017 Ford Super Duty F-450 4WD Vehicle for use by the Department of Public Works in the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, said vehicle may be purchased through State Contract #A88214; and

**WHEREAS**, the maximum amount of the purchase contract is \$55,462.50 and 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

**WHEREAS**, public bids are not required when the purchase is pursuant to a state contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 of the Local Public Contracts Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen as follows:

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk of the Borough of Wood-Ridge are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purchase of one (1) 2017 Ford Super Duty F-450 4WD Vehicle made reference to hereinabove.

2. Any and all appropriate Borough officials are hereby authorized to execute any additional documentation which may be required with respect to this vehicle purchase. In addition the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge hereby confirm and ratify any and all prior actions taken by the various officials of the Borough of Wood-Ridge with respect to the subject vehicle purchase and/or agreement and/or appropriation.

3. All Ordinances and/or Resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with this Resolution shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately in accordance with appropriate law.

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**RESOLUTION NO.: 082-2017  
RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE**

**WHEREAS**, renewal for Plenary Retail Consumption and Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses for the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the 2017-2018 licensing year have been filed; and

**WHEREAS**, all requirements applicable thereto have been properly made and are in order.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, Bergen County and State of New Jersey that the Plenary Retail Consumption and Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses set forth as follows are hereby renewed for the 2017-2018 licensing year effective July 1, 2017:

0269-44-005-007	Soho Wine and Liquor, Inc. (Meadowlands Wine & Liquors)
0269-44-010-005	Jai Maruti, Inc. (Wood-Ridge Wine & Liquors)
0269-33-007-001	Land Neil Inc. (Fiesta)
0269-33-004-005	Briad Restaurant Group LLC (TGI Friday's)
0269-33-009-008	Thinny Thin Limited Liability (Angeloni's Restaurant & Pizzeria)
0269-33-008-010	A C Gourmet, Inc. (Martini Grill)

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**RESOLUTION NO.: 083-2017  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INCLUSION IN THE BERGEN COUNTY  
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Bergen under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; the HOME Investment Partnership Act of 1990, as amended; and the Emergency Solutions Grant of 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the current Interlocal Services Cooperative Agreement contains an automatic renewal clause to expedite the notification of the inclusion process; and

**WHEREAS**, by June 12, 2017, each Municipality must notify the Bergen County Division of Community Development of its intent to continue as a participant in the Urban County entitlement programs noted above; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Wood-Ridge and its residents to participate in said Programs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby notifies the Bergen County Division of Community Development of its decision to be included as a participant Municipality in the Urban County entitlement programs being the Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Investment Partnership Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program for the Program Years 2018, 2019, 2020 (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Bergen County Division of Community Development no later than June 12, 2017.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 084-2017**  
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN TO SUPERSEDE THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT DATED JULY 1, 2000 AND AMENDMENTS THERETO ESTABLISHING THE BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Bergen under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; the HOME Investment Partnership Act of 1990, as amended; and the Emergency Solutions Grant of 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to supersede an existing Interlocal Services Cooperative Agreement for the County and its people to benefit from these Programs; and

**WHEREAS**, an Agreement has been proposed under which the Borough of Wood-Ridge and the County of Bergen in cooperation with other Municipalities, will modify an Interlocal Services Program pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Wood-Ridge to enter into such an Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Agreement entitled "Three Year Cooperative Agreement" (an Agreement superseding the Cooperative Agreement dated July 1, 2000 – June 30, 2003) intended to clarify the planning and implementation procedures and to enable the Municipality to make a Three Year irrevocable commitment to participate in the Community Development Block Grant Program, the Home Investment Partnership Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program for the Program Years 2018, 2019, and 2020 (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021) be executed by the Mayor and Municipal Clerk in accordance with the provisions of the law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall take effect immediately in accordance with the law.

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**RESOLUTION NO.: 085-2017**  
**RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVES**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that:

1. The Borough Council appoints Joseph DiMarco as the Borough's representative for the Community Development Regional Committee and Gina Affuso and Brian Intindola are hereby appointed as alternate representatives.
2. The Mayor appoints Toni Ann Azzolini as the Borough's representative for the Community Development Regional Committee and Paul A. Sarlo and Christopher W. Eilert are hereby appointed as an alternate representatives.

These appointments are for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

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**APPLICATIONS:**

- a. Application for Block Party on June 10, 2017 on Wesmont Drive between Eisenhower Lane and Victory Lane from 4pm to 7pm.

All applications listed above have been reviewed and approved by the Wood-Ridge Police Department.

**SEMINAR APPROVALS:** None

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**HIRINGS:**

- a. Paul Dahl as Property Maintenance Officer with salary as per salary ordinance effective June 1, 2017.
- b. Elizabeth Ferry as Clerk/Typist in the borough clerk's office with salary as per salary ordinance effective June 1, 2017.
- c. Steven Lagriola, Jason King, Anthony Parisi, Ryan Hennessy, Christian Autino, Jeremy Cruz, Christopher Affuso, Michael Donato, Anthony Costanzo, Justin Barat, Nick Riccio, Zach Garvin as Seasonal DPW Employees.

**Motion:** Councilperson Cassidy, seconded by DiMarco moved to the adoption of all matters on the above **CONSENT AGENDA.**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**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.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Since there was no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Romero, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy 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 May 17, 2017 was duly adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Affuso, RMC  
Borough Clerk