

*Minutes of the 1821<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting of April 18, 2018*

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**CALLED TO ORDER:**

Council President Altamura called the Borough of Wood-Ridge Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor:	Paul Sarlo – excused
Council:	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 – excused
Borough Clerk:	Gina Affuso – present
Borough Administrator:	Chris Eilert – excused

**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:**

**2017-2018 Wood-Ridge HS Varsity Competition Cheerleaders**

Council President Altamura invited Councilman Marino and Coaches Jennifer Hynes and Britney Franchini of the Wood-Ridge High School Competition Cheerleaders to join him at the dais to say a few words and present the certificates the following young ladies:

Gianna Maurin	Allison Monaco	Kayla Jones	Sydney Mihalik
Isabella Iacovino	Julia Calvo	Emily Masucci	Katie Jones
Madilyn Marino	Jillian Hynes	Isabella Chao	Erin Schuster
Kate West	Kylah Kosko	Victoria Nieves	

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**Wood-Ridge Senior Competition Cheer Team**

Council President Altamura invited Councilman Marino and Coaches Gabriela Vega and Keri Focarino of the Wood-Ridge Senior Competition Cheer Team to join him at the dais to say a few words and present the certificates for:

Cedar Grove 1<sup>st</sup> place  
David Brearly 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Impact Cheer 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Just Cheer 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Wayne Valley 1<sup>st</sup> place  
States 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Nationals 1<sup>st</sup> place

Certificates were presented to the following young ladies:

Nicole Kikkert	Ava Macchia	Lilliana Wronko	Christina Pedulla
Yasmine Diras	Paige Christiana	Gabriella Annese	Jessica Schmidt
Jillian D'Agnese	Gianna Roncaioli	MaKenna Lange	Maggie Cuppo
Christina Piacentino	Brooke Kalafsky	Jordyn Geis	Angelina Rella
Lia Crandall	Aida Marie Murray	Olivia Cappello	Brooke Stellato
Brianna Stellato	Sarah Rose Malaniak	Mya Perez	

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**Champions of the North West Bergen Passaic Travel Basketball League**

Council President Altamura invited Councilman Marino and Coaches Anthony Rizos and Stephanie Basich of the Wood-Ridge North West Bergen Passaic Travel Basketball League to join him at the dais to say a few words and present the certificates to the following young ladies:

Britney Lyons	Courtney Lyons	Ava Picheo	Victoria Drotos
Jaylin Schultz	Sophie Basich	Sabrina Basich	Danielle Arno
Ava Rizos	Jenna Forte		

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**Wood-Ridge High School Wrestling**

Council President Altamura invited Councilman Marino and Coach Wronko of the Wood-Ridge High School to join him at the dais to present the certificate to:

Bradley Mika for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in districts

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**Recreation Wrestling**

Council President Altamura invited Councilman Marino and Coaches Mike Tsiolas, Chris Petrino, Dan Rella, and Matt Murray to join him at the dais to say a few words and present the certificates to:

Brian Bialek district 2nd region qualifier  
Anthony Lopera district 2nd region qualifier  
Hayden Tsiolas district 2nd region qualifier  
Frankie Rella district champ region 3rd  
Brandon Dimase district 2nd region qualifier  
Matthew Murray district champ region 3rd  
Daniel Rella district champ region champ

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At 7:25 pm Council President Altamura called for a 5 minute recess to allow the award winners and parents to leave.

Motion: Councilperson Azzolini, seconded by DiMarco moved to reconvene the meeting at 7:30 pm.

**ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING:**

2018 Municipal Budget Hearing has been rescheduled for May 16, 2018.

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

**BOND ORDINANCE NO.: 2018-2**

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE 2018 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,800,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, 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 Altamura called for a Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2018-2

Council President Altamura closed Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2018-2

Motion: Councilperson Cassidy, seconded by Marino moved to the adoption of Ordinance #2018-2

Discussion:

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

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**BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2018-3**

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$300,000 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 Altamura called for a Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2018-3

Council President Altamura closed Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2018-3

Motion: Councilperson Azzolini, seconded by Romero moved to the adoption of Ordinance #2018-3

Discussion:

Roll Call: Altamura yes, Cassidy yes, Azzolini 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 Present Altamura:**

Police Department- (for the month of March) - Chief Paul Goscinski reports our D.A.R.E. Officers Dave Marchitelli and Joe Vitkovsky discussed drinking and driving with the high school seniors at a special youth day. The students participated in field sobriety tests using fatal vision drunk goggles and utilizing the drunk carts. Detective Matt Mueller spoke to the 5th graders about S.W.A.T. in the beginning of the

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month. Detective Dave Marchitelli is starting the preparations for the Junior Police Academy that will be held the end of June.

Church of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady would like to invite all the men and women in law enforcement to attend a special Mass on Sunday, May 20, 2018, 9:30AM. This Mass will be to recognize the sacrifice and dedication of all those who serve in law enforcement both in Wood-Ridge and throughout other police departments. We also extend our invitation to the members of the Wood-Ridge Fire Dept. Recognition will also be given to all firefighters who serve the Borough of Wood-Ridge. A special prayer will be offered for all police officers, firefighters and their families. During the Mass there will be a blessing the newly acquired statues of Saint Michael, patron Saint of police officers and Saint Florian, patron Saint of Firefighters.

I would like to thank the Wood-Ridge PBA Local 313 and the Men and Women of the Wood-Ridge Fire Department for their generous donation.

Recreation- These are the Recreation Commission minutes for the March 28, 2018 meeting. Coaches Certification training classes and certification for coach's classes were held throughout the month of March. A copy of the new training manual was shown to all. A copy of the Coaching Contract and Wood Ridge Code of Ethics for all new coaches to sign upon completion of the course was shown. The signed copy will be kept in the coach's folder in the Recreation Office. It was reported that the Basketball 8th grade girls are champions. Jr. Wrestling had probably one the best Wood Ridge Wrestling years ever, 5 district champions, 5 district runner ups , 2 district bronze medalist with 7 advancing to the regional tournament , Of the 16 kids we entered in the district tournament, 14 finished in the top 4. They also had 6 kids enter in the state tournament with 4 placing and 2 finishing as state runner ups. Commissioner. Robert Valenti completed a proposal for Nick Cipriano & W-R Board of Education in regards to 8th graders transitioning from recreation to High School sports. Tonight we recognized several teams and individuals from various winter sports. The Mayor & Council are proud of their accomplishments.

Veterans-The Memorial Day parade committee began meeting in preparation for this year's parade which will be held on Monday, May 28th. Memorial services begin at 10AM at the Veteran's Walk of Freedom, corner of Hackensack Street and Highland Avenue with the parade set to kick off at 11:30AM and conclude at Veteran's Park on Valley Blvd. Free Hot dogs, ice cream and entertainment will be offered to all those in attendance.

Public Information / Events / Website Development – Citizens interested in receiving alerts and other information in the Borough of Wood-Ridge can log onto the borough's newly renovated website, [www.njwoodridge.org](http://www.njwoodridge.org) and sign up on our Nixel system.

Keep Wood-Ridge Beautiful- On Thursday, April 12th, Ms. Joan Wilkinson from the Bergen County Board of Health conducted a litter control and recycling program for all second grade students at CE Doyle School. A short cartoon was shown demonstrating the importance of proper recycling. This year's 19th annual Keep Wood-Ridge Beautiful day will be held on Sunday, June 3rd with volunteers once again needed. A shredding service will also be offered to anyone who needs to dispose of papers and documents. Refreshments are served with many local businesses donating food and beverages.

### **Councilperson Cassidy:**

Councilperson Cassidy stated her pleasure at seeing some of her former students being honored for their accomplishments.

### **Councilperson Azzolini:**

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During the month of March the WRFD responded to 598 alarms of fire and 1 mutual aid alarms for a total of 635 hours of service including fire department training, equipment maintenance and duties for a grand total of 921 work hours. The WR Emergency Squad was dispatched to 72 calls for a total of 452 hours of service.

**Councilperson Marino:** No report

**Councilperson DiMarco:** No report

**Councilperson Romero:**

Shade Tree Commission is moving forward with planting. He is proud to announce the Wood-Ridge Town Festival Day on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS:** On file in the Clerk's office.

Administrator:	Eilert
Borough Clerk:	Affuso
Attorney:	Barbire
Engineer:	Neglia

**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:**

Council President Altamura declared the Hearing of Citizens to be open. With no one wishing to be heard, the hearing of citizens was declared closed.

**RESOLUTIONS VOTED SEPARATELY:**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 067-2018  
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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Councilperson Romero requested a separate roll call on check #72970 on the payment of bills.

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

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

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Council President Altamura requested a separate roll call on check #73002, #73071 and #73074 on the payment of bills.

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

Roll Call: Altamura abstain, Cassidy yes, Azzolini yes, Marino yes, DiMarco absent, 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:**

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**RESOLUTIONS:** Adoption of the following

**RESOLUTION NO.: 068-2018  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES FOR FLEET  
WOOD RIDGE, LLC.**

**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 Fleet Wood-Ridge LLC for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018 property taxes for the properties and amounts attached and,

**WHEREAS** the Tax Collector of the Borough of Wood-Ridge has requested a refund of said overpayments be made payable to Fleet Wood-Ridge LLC 225 Millburn Ave Millburn, NJ 07041 as set forth in Schedule “A” attached and hereto made a part hereof and,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to refund the total of \$20,436.00 for overpayment of taxes and be further authorized to adjust the books and records of the Tax Office as required by law.

			<b><u>SCHEDULE “A”</u></b>	
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>QTR</b>		<b>B/L</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
2018	1		320/1.074	1,277.25
2018	1		320/1.0739	1,277.25
2018	1		320/1.0744	1,277.25
2018	1		320/1.0747	1,277.25
2018	1		320/1.0748	1,277.25
2018	1		320/1.0749	1,277.25
2018	1		320/1.0751	1,277.25
2018	1		333/1.097	1,277.25
2018	1		333/1.0910	1,277.25
2018	1		333/1.0911	1,277.25
2018	1		333/1.0912	1,277.25
2018	1		333/1.0914	1,277.25
2018	1		333/1.0915	1,277.25
2018	1		333/1.0916	1,277.25
2018	1		333/1.0917	1,277.25
2018	1		333/1.0918	<u>1,277.25</u>
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,436.00</b>

**RESOLUTION NO.: 069-2018**  
**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE 2018 NJDOT**  
**FUNDED ROAD PROGRAM 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 2018 NJDOT Funded Road Program, 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.: 070-2018**  
**RESOLUTION PROMOTING “LIGHT IT UP BLUE” IN OBSERVANCE OF**  
**WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, World Autism Awareness Month is an internationally acclaimed and marked every year in April across the world; and

**WHEREAS**, World Autism Month is observed to encourage the public to take measures, in regards to raise awareness about people who are living with autism spectrum disorder all over the world; and

**WHEREAS**, World Autism Awareness Day was first declared by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) resolution “62/139. It was passed in council on November 1, 2007 and adopted on December 18, 2008;

**WHEREAS**, the autism community has initiated a campaign called “Light It Up Blue” that aims to create understanding and acceptance for those who have been diagnosed with autism; and

**WHEREAS**, during World Autism Awareness Month local organizations will organize several events and educational activities to help the public learn more about autism spectrum disorders, which impacts one (1) percent of the world population

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that April will be observed as Autism Awareness Month throughout the Borough.

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**RESOLUTION NO.: 071-2018**  
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH WALLINGTON**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE MONTHLY CHILD HEALTH CONFERENCE**

**WHEREAS**, there has been proposed an Shared Service Agreement between the Borough of Wood-Ridge and the Wallington Board of Health to provide a monthly Child Health Conference; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Wood-Ridge is desirous to enter into a contract via the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A.:40A:65-1et. seq.) with the Wallington Board of Health for the aforementioned services.

**WHEREAS**, the maximum amount of the contract is \$1,500.00 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**, the contract documents to be executed by the Borough of Wood-Ridge and the Wallington Board of Health for the purposes hereinabove described are annexed hereto and is made a part of this resolution.

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

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk of the Borough of Wood-Ridge are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with the Wallington Board of Health.
2. Said agreement has been reviewed by the Borough Attorney and Board of Health and said officials approve of same as to form and substance.
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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**APPLICATIONS:**

- a. Application from Closter Animal Society for 50/50 and On-Premise Raffle at the Fiesta on April 26, 2018.
- b. Application for handicapped parking space at 121 7<sup>th</sup> Street.
- c. Application for block party on Main Avenue between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Streets on June 16, 2018 from 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

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

**SEMINAR APPROVALS:** None

**APPOINTMENTS:**

- a. Resignation of Kathy Bhargava as a member of the Shade Tree Commission effective April 11, 2018.
- b. Appointment of Elizabeth Gil as a member of the Shade Tree Commission effective April 18, 2018.

**HIRINGS:** None

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

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

Council President Altamura declared the Hearing of Citizens to be open. With no one wishing to be heard, the hearing of citizens was declared closed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Since there was no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Azzolini, 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 April 18, 2018 was duly adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Affuso, RMC  
Borough Clerk