

Minutes of the 1830th Regular Meeting of December 5, 2018

CALLED TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Colors were presented and led by Cub Scout Pack 183 and Boy Scout Troop 181

MOMENT OF SILENCE: for George Herbert Walker Bush, 41st President of the United States who died on November 30, 2018.

Mayor Sarlo read a letter to the Council from Cub Scout Pack 183 and Boy Scout Troop 181 thanking them for the purchase of the new flags. The letter was signed by the following:

Brody Jenove, Ayden Jenove, Matthew Cordes, Ryan McMullin, Henry Magnusson, William Magnusson, Tyler Bergman, Marc Castillo, Marius Castillo, Mardaux Castillo, Jason Tomzak, Andrew Balios, Alasdair Walsh, Gavin Walsh, Eric Hayes, Maxwell Mendez, Kenny Kreiser, Anthony Drotos, Ryan Spinelli

ROLL CALL:

Mayor:	Paul Sarlo – present
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 – 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:

Presentation of Certificates to the Wood-Ridge High School Volleyball Team:

The JV team had a record of 19-2 and went undefeated (18-0) in League Play. Coach Ally prepared them every day to never settle and the team continued to work hard to excel at all their skills, so they are ready to step up next season and keep our program on top. The Varsity team had another outstanding season.

With a 24-4 record this team won the Meadowlands League Division for the third straight year. The team has gone undefeated with an 18-0 record the last two seasons and has compiled a 53-1

league record over the last three years. They were able to gain redemption by winning the 2018 NJIC Championship against Cresskill in a straight two set match. The girls work extremely hard all season long. The team is the epitome of being a class act, as they hold themselves to a higher standard than all the rest. They help me maintain our program's goals and reputation from the minute they step not only on the court but into the school building. They are truly the most unselfish, supportive individuals to each other and their coaches. Programs are not built on wins and losses alone. They are built on respect, discipline and passion for everyone they come in contact with from coaches, administration, officials and the student body. I receive compliments all the time, on what an amazing program we have because of every one of these girls.

Very special mention for Coach Andrea Marino who has won Coach of the Year for the third consecutive year.

Special honors:

First Team All-League

Emily Aviles, Ciilez DaCosta, Ashley Gareffa, Madylin Marino, Isabella Nieves

Second Team All-County and First Team All-State for Group 1

Madylin Marino

Honorable Mention

Victoria Nieves

Special Accomplishments:

Ashley Gareffa- 703 career assists

Madylin Marino- 591 kills and counting

Certificates were presented to:

10U Volleyball Team Players:

Emma Baker, Amanda DiMase, Sharleen Lee Gomez, Rachel Gravina, Brianna Gregory, Victoria Nieves, Leah Reiter

11U Volleyball Team Players:

Melissa Acosta, Skylar Basich, Erica DiMarco, Brooke Geis, Madylin Marino, Sophia Mavrorasakis

12U Volleyball Team Players:

Emily Aviles, Ciilez DaCosta, Sara Diras, Ashley Gareffa, Isabella Nieves, Gabriella Rodriguez, Stephanie Vadillo

****Coaches****

Megan Maher, Ally Paskas, Lara Schmitt, Andrea Marino

Presentation of Certificates to the Wood-Ridge Moonachie 10U Little League All-Star Team:

The Wood-Ridge Moonachie 10U Little League All-Star team won the District 5 Championship with a 24-11 victory over Lyndhurst. This is the second straight year that they have won the title, winning last year as nine-year old team. The boys set out to do this at the end of last year and

restated their goal at the beginning of this year. With a lot of hard work and sacrifice, they were able to meet their goals and raise their championship banner.

Certificates were presented to:

Dylan Banks, Dominic Buonomo, Dean Cardia, Kameron Crews, Brandon DiMascio, PJ LaRosa, Lucas Mendoza, Marcus Nesci, Brian Raparelli, Chris Rios, Nick Scalera, Jake Wall

Mayor Sarlo took a moment to recognize school officials in attendance, Coach Carcich, Marc Sinclair, Al Nieves, Maria Barrows, Tom Schmitt. He also recognized members of the recreation commission, Barbara Fischckelta and Ray Crews.

At 7:30 pm a 5 minute recess was called to allow parents and honorees to leave.
At 7:35 pm the meeting reconvened.

ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING: None

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE:

BOND ORDINANCE 2018-9 (2018 Road Program Supplemental - 2019 Road Program Planning)

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 \$600,000 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.

Mayor Sarlo calls for a Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2018-9

Mayor Sarlo closes Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2018-9

Motion: Councilperson Azzolini, seconded by Cassidy moved to the adoption of Ordinance #2018-9

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

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:

Councilperson Altamura – no report

Councilperson Cassidy – no report

Councilperson Azzolini announced the fire department annual blood drive will be on January 22, 2019. He also stated the fire department elections were held and the new officers were as follows:

Chief of Department - Elizabeth A. Ferry

First Assistant Chief - Michael Cribben

Second Assistant Chief - Kenneth C. Schulz, Sr.

Captain - Kevin Cribben

Lieutenant - Justin Berta

Lieutenant - Daniel O'Beirne

Lieutenant - Nicholas Meglio

Treasurer - Ronald Philips

Corresponding Secretary - Gregory V. Gorab

Recording Secretary - Thomas Bischoff

Councilperson Marino – no report

Councilperson DiMarco thanked everyone that was involved in the winter wonderland tree decorating at the county.

Councilperson Romero thanked everyone involved in the winter wonderland tree decorating at the county. He asked borough clerk to check with the county if we were able to pick up the tree afterward for planting in the borough.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS: On file in clerk's office

Administrator Eilert stated the road program for this year is now complete.

Borough Clerk Affuso – on file

Attorney Barbire - progress

Engineer Neglia – on file

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 declared the Hearing of Citizens to be open. With no one wishing to speak, the hearing of citizens was declared closed.

RESOLUTIONS VOTED SEPARATELY:

**RESOLUTION NO.: 163-2018
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.

Councilperson DiMarco requested a separate roll call on check #74454 on the Payment of Bills.

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

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

Council President Altamura requested a separate roll call on check #74461 on the Payment of Bills.

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

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

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.: 164-2018
RESOLUTION APPROVING STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FUNDING MUNICIPAL ALLIANCES
FOR GRANT YEAR 2019-2020**

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of the Borough of Wood Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Bergen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Wood Ridge County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Wood Ridge Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2020 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$ 9876.00
Cash Match	\$ 2469.00
In-Kind	\$ 7407.00

2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 165-2018
RESOLUTION APPROVING DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT FOR BRIAD
DEVELOPMENT LLC PROJECT LOCATED AT BLOCK 301 LOTS 12.01 AND 14.01**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge Land Use Board approved the application of **BRIAD DEVELOPMENT LLC** for development of a hotel on the property located at Block 301 Lots 12.01 and 14.01, more commonly known as 269 and 359 Route 17 South, Wood-Ridge; and

WHEREAS, a requirement of that approval is that the developer enter into a Developer's Agreement with the Borough of Wood-Ridge; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney and the Board Attorney have reviewed and approved the Developer's Agreement in the form attached to this Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that the Developer's Agreement in the form attached is hereby approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the attached Developer's Agreement, consistent with this Resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 166-2018
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LIEN REDEMPTION OF BLOCK 296 LOT 9**

WHEREAS, Tax Sale was held on October 24, 2018 by the Borough of Wood-Ridge for delinquent 2017 taxes concerning property designated as Block 296 lot 9 on the current tax assessment map of the Borough of Wood-Ridge and commonly known as 392 Highland Avenue owned by Blo, Jacqueline;

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate 18-00007 was purchased by:
Touma & Associates
30 Henry Street
Glen Rock, NJ 07452 and;

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate 18-00007 has been redeemed by Jacqueline Blo, who has remitted to the Borough of Wood-Ridge check #60800418 dated 11/20/2018 for \$21,651.57 and;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the borough of Wood-Ridge has approved the request of the redemption amount for \$21,651.57 made payable to:
Touma & Associates
30 Henry Street
Glen Rock, NJ 07452

**RESOLUTION NO.: 167-2018
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND ON OVERPAYMENT 2018 PROPERTY
TAXES FOR BLOCK 287 LOT 11**

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 Guardian Title Services, LLC on Block 287 Lot 11 for property located at 173 Helm Avenue in the amount of \$2,954.01 for 4th Quarter 2018 and;

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is requesting the refund be returned to Guardian Title Services, LLC, 345 Centre Street, Nutley, NJ 07110 and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to refund the total of \$2,954.01 for overpayment of taxes and be further authorized to adjust the books and records of the Tax Office as required by law.

RESOLUTION NO.: 168-2018
RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR 2017 ROAD PROGRAM

Be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood Ridge of Bergen County, New Jersey upon the recommendation of the Borough Engineer that the Change Order for the Contract listed below be and is hereby approved.

TITLE OF JOB: 2017 Road Program Improvements

CONTRACTOR: Smith & SONDY Paving Co., 150 Anderson Avenue, Wallington, NJ 07057

CHANGE ORDER No.: 1 & Final

AMOUNT OF CHANGE THIS RESOLUTION: \$257,050.49 19.02% Increase

This Resolution to take effect upon certification by the Borough Treasurer that sufficient funds are available.

RESOLUTION NO.: 169-2018
RESOLUTION APPROVING CLOSE OF CONTRACT FOR 2017 & 2018 ROAD PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS

Be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, Bergen County, New Jersey that the contract for 2017 & 2018 Road Program Improvements was constructed by Smith & SONDY Paving Co., 150 Anderson Avenue, Wallington, NJ 07057, in accordance with the Plans and Specifications and any approved Change Orders, as directed by the Borough Engineer.

The said construction is hereby accepted and final payments in the amount of Three Hundred Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Thirty Four Cents (\$312,915.34) is hereby approved.

The said construction is hereby accepted and final payment has been remitted to contractor.

This Resolution to take effect immediately.

APPLICATIONS:

- a. Application from Wallington High School Home and School Organization for an On-Premise 50/50, Tricky Tray, and Off-Premise Raffle on March 14, 2019 at the Fiesta.

- b. Application from St. Michaels Church in Palisades Park for a Casino Night, Off-Premise 50/50 and an On-Premise 50/50 on March 23, 2019 at the Fiesta.
- c. Application for Solicitor License from Jared Stollar of Vivint Solar.
- d. Application for Solicitor License from Christopher Montemurno, Dina Abdeljabbar and Michael Papkonstantinou of Power Home Remodeling.

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

SEMINAR APPROVALS: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

HIRINGS: None

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Sarlo stated there will be a council meeting for budget transfers before the end of the year. Reorganization meeting will be held on January 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Council President Altamura announced the 19th Annual Senior Pasta Dinner will be on Friday, December 7th at 5:30 at the Senior Center.

SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Mayor Sarlo declared the Hearing of Citizens to be open. With no one wishing to speak, the hearing of citizens was declared closed.

ADJOURNMENT:

The 1830th Regular Meeting of December 5, 2018

Since there was no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Cassidy, seconded by Councilperson Azzolini 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 December 5, 2018 was duly adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Affuso, RMC
Borough Clerk