

*Minutes of the 1837th Regular Meeting of May 1, 2019*

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**CALLED TO ORDER:**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Councilman Dominick Azzolini

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor:	Paul Sarlo - present
Council:	Catherine Cassidy – present
	Ezio Altamura – present
	Dominick Azzolini – present
	Edward Marino – present
	Joseph DiMarco – present
	Philip Romero – present
Borough Attorney:	Paul Barbire – excused
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 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:**

Mayor Sarlo asked Manny Carcano to the Dias and invited Chief Korin and Councilman Altamura to join him while he read the following Proclamation:

**PROCLAMATION  
Honoring  
MANUEL (MANNY) CARCANO**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge wish to congratulate Manuel (Manny) Carcano for his thirty (30) years of service to the Wood-Ridge Auxiliary Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Manny was born in Brooklyn, New York, and is an Air Force Veteran. Manny lived in Wood-Ridge with his wife, Randee for 12 years and now resides in New Milford, NJ. Manny has two children named Ricky & Jennifer; and

**WHEREAS**, after spending 30 years at Roenberg Realty Group in the Bronx, as an Executive Vice President and General Manager, Manny has retired. His wife, Randee of 43 years has also retired from JP Morgan and Chase. Now they are busy packing and moving to their new home in sunny Las Vegas; and

**WHEREAS**, Manny began his service with the Wood-Ridge Auxiliary Police Department in January of 1989. His tenure was well spent and we thank him for his 30 years of service.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that we hereby honor **MANNY CARCANO** for his 30 years of service to the Wood-Ridge Auxiliary Police Department and for his dedication to the community.

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that we extend our heartfelt appreciation, gratitude and good wishes to you for a future of health and happiness.

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Chief Korin presented Manny with a plaque on behalf of the Wood-Ridge Police Department and thanked him for all his work and dedication over the past 30 years.

Manny thanked everyone for what they have done here tonight and what they do for the community. He stated what an honor it has been to serve Wood-Ridge all these years.

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At this time, Mayor Sarlo appointed Oscar Sabillon to the Wood-Ridge Auxiliary Police Department effective May 1, 2019.

Motion: Councilperson Cassidy, seconded by Azzolini moved to the appointment of Oscar Sabillon.

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

The oath of office was administered to Oscar Sabillon by Mayor Sarlo.  
Chief Korin presented Oscar with his wallet badge.

At 7:22 a 1 minute recess was taken.  
The meeting reconvened at 7:23 pm.

**ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING:**

A Public Hearing for Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Municipal Program Park Improvement Application for Wood-Ridge Square Park was held.

Administrator Eilert explained the developer is providing a half acre of property that will be a town block square. The grant program will provide the funds to improve the property.

Mayor Sarlo called for a Hearing of Citizens the Advertised Public Hearing.

Rich Martinelli of 216 Tenth Street asked where the park was located. Mayor Sarlo explained what streets the park would be located on.

With no further citizens wishing to be heard, Mayor Sarlo declared the Hearing of Citizens on the Advertised Public Hearing closed.

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

**ORDINANCE NO.: 2019-5 (Short Term Rentals) -  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 530 ENTITLED ZONING**

Administrator Eilert explained due to the zoning nature of the ordinance, the public hearing and adoption will be moved to the May 15, 2019 Mayor and Council meeting after the Land Use Board meeting on May 7, 2019.

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**ORDINANCE NO.: 2019-6 (Establishment of Municipal Alliance Committee)**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE WOOD-RIDGE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE AGAINST  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

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 #2019-6

Mayor Sarlo closed Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2019-6

Motion: Councilperson Romero, seconded by Altamura moved to the adoption of Ordinance #2019-6

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

Rich Martinelli of 216 Tenth Street asked for an explanation. Administrator Eilert explained this was a committee for substance abuse and drug awareness that has been in existence for many years but the county is now requiring adoption of the committee by ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO.: 2019-7 (2019 Salaries)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.**

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 #2019-7

Mayor Sarlo closed Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2019-7

Motion: Councilperson Marino, seconded by Azzolini moved to the adoption of Ordinance #2019-7

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

Rich Martinelli of 216 Tenth Street asked if these are the negotiated salaries. Administrator Eilert explained the ordinance represents the non-union employees.

**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 Cassidy: No report.

Councilperson Altamura: No report.

Councilperson Azzolini: No Report.

Councilperson Marino: The Wood-Ridge High School Graduation has been moved to Felician College on June 21st.

Councilperson DiMarco: no report

Councilperson Romero: no report

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS:** On file in 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:**

Mayor Sarlo declared the Hearing of Citizens to be open. With no citizens wishing to be heard, Mayor Sarlo 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.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 20, 2019.

**RESOLUTIONS:** Adoption of the following

**RESOLUTION NO.: 074-2019  
TRUST FUND APPLICATION MUNICIPAL ENDORSING RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“County Trust Fund”), provides matching grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the development or redevelopment of outdoor municipal recreation facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Wood-Ridge desires to further the public interest by obtaining a matching grant of **\$600,000.00** (**\$300,000.00** to be provided by the County and **\$300,000.00** to be matched by the Borough of Wood-Ridge) from the County Trust Fund to fund the following project: Wood-Ridge Square Park; and,

**WHEREAS**, the governing body/board has reviewed the County Trust Fund Program Statement, and the Trust Fund Municipal Program Park Improvement application and instructions, and desires to make an application for such a matching grant and provide application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and,

**WHEREAS**, as part of the application process, the governing body/board received held the required Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed park improvements in the application on May 1, 2019; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County of Bergen shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the County Trust Fund; and,

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is willing to use the County Trust Fund in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the above named project and ensure its completion on or about the project contract expiration date.

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

1. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the County by the deadline of May 20, 2019, as established by the County; and,
2. That, in the event of a County Trust Fund award that may be less than the grant amount requested above, the Borough of Wood-Ridge Mayor and Council has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, or modify the project as necessary; and,
3. That the Borough of Wood-Ridge Mayor and Council is committed to providing a dollar for dollar cash match for the project; and
4. That only those park improvements identified and approved in the project application, its Trust Fund contract, or other documentation will be considered eligible for reimbursement.
5. That the Borough of Wood-Ridge Mayor and Council agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and,
6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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**RESOLUTION NO.: 075-2019**  
**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, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

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**RESOLUTION NO.: 076-2019**  
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH CLIFFHANGER PRODUCTIONS FOR EVENT PRODUCTION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES INCLUDING RIDES, AMUSEMENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR WOOD-RIDGE TOWN DAY**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Wood-Ridge and Cliffhanger Productions, Inc. desire to enter into an agreement in order to provide event production and management services including (1) provision, set up, operation and staffing of rides, inflatables, amusements and food/refreshment concessions, (2) securing live music entertainment, and (3) securing food/refreshment vendors for Wood-Ridge Town Day on June 9, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal submitted to the Borough of Wood-Ridge by Cliffhanger Productions, Inc. for the purposes hereinabove described is annexed hereto and is made a part of this resolution; and **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge as follows:

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk of the Borough of Wood-Ridge are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Agreement. Said agreement shall not exceed \$32,000.00.
2. This contract is awarded pursuant to appropriate Law of the State of New Jersey specifically but not by way of limitation, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq. as well as any other pertinent statutes appertaining thereto.
3. If applicable a Certificate of Availability of Funds pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57 has been certified to by the Chief Finance Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof.
4. If applicable funds are subject to an appropriation by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge and will be provided by the local finance office when appropriated.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council hereby ratify and confirm any and all actions taken by the appropriate officials, in the past with respect to the subject agreement.

**APPLICATIONS:**

None

**SEMINAR APPROVALS:**

None

**APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS:**

- a. Resignation of Mark Musella as Wood-Ridge Public Defender effective May 13, 2019.

**HIRINGS:**

None

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

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

**REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:**

**APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS:**

- b. Appointment of John J. Bruno Jr. as Public Defender and Jonathan Bruno as Alternate Public Defender effective May 13, 2019.

**Motion:** Councilperson Cassidy, seconded by Altamura moved to the adoption of the Appointment listed above.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

Mayor Sarlo declared the Hearing of Citizens to be open.

Rich Martinelli of 216 Tenth Street asked if the new owners of liquor license transfers are vetted carefully. Administrator Eilert explained the Police Department, Borough Attorney and State perform vigorous and lengthy background investigations before the license is transferred.

Faith Armonaitis of 191 Oldfield Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights asked if there was a date for the announcement for the meeting of the Wesmont Recreational Space. Mayor Sarlo announced the meeting was set for Monday June 3rd at 7:30 pm in the Wood-Ridge High School Auditorium. It will be an announcement of how the Borough is proposing the recreational space at Wesmont Station as part of the final phase of development.

Councilman Altamura reminded everyone that Sunday, May 19th at 9:30am was the annual Blue Mass at Assumption Church.

With no further citizens wishing to be heard, Mayor Sarlo declared the Hearing of Citizens closed.

Mayor Sarlo recognized Gene Postaski who turned 90 years old last week. Gene has been a very active member of the community for many years and the Mayor and Council wish him a very Happy Birthday.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Since there was no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Cassidy, seconded by Councilperson Marino, 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 1, 2019 was duly adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectively,

Gina Affuso, RMC  
Borough Clerk