

Minutes of the 1862nd Meeting of February 3, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Marino called the Borough of Wood-Ridge Council meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: was led by Councilman Azzolini

ROLL CALL:

Mayor:	Paul Sarlo – excused
Council:	Edward Marino – present in council chambers
	Catherine Cassidy – present by telephone
	Ezio Altamura – present in council chambers
	Dominick Azzolini – present in council chambers
	Joseph DiMarco – present in council chambers
	Philip Romero – present in council chambers
Borough Attorney:	Paul Barbire – present in council chambers
Borough Engineer:	Brian Intindola – excused
Borough Clerk:	Gina Affuso – present in council chambers
Borough Administrator:	Chris Eilert – present in council chambers

Council President Marino stated that Aiden Gonzalez was present by telephone this evening in order to observe a meeting as part of a school project.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT:

This meeting is being held in accordance with Public Law 1975 Chapter 231, the Open Public Meetings Act, also known as the “Sunshine Law”. The public meeting notice stating the date, time and place of this meeting was posted on the municipal bulletin board and the municipal website and was forwarded to The Record and the Star Ledger.

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATION:

None

ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING:

None

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE:

None

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-1

AN ORDINANCE TO ACQUIRE BY PURCHASE PUBLIC LANDS AND WHICH SAID PROPERTY IS KNOWN AS PART OFF BLOCK 249, LOT 3, a.k.a. 140 PARK PLACE EAST FROM CHAR-RHODE, INC. IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that **Ordinance No. 2021-1** as above, be passed on first reading, to be published in the Record on February 8, 2021 and public hearing on the Ordinance to be held at the Regular Meeting on February 17, 2021 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: Councilperson DiMarco, seconded by Romero moved to the adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-1

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

ORDINANCE 2021-2

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WOOD-RIDGE CODE SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 119, ENTITLED DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that **Ordinance No. 2021-2** as above, be passed on first reading, to be published in the Record on February 8, 2021 and public hearing on the Ordinance to be held at the Regular Meeting on February 17, 2021 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: Councilperson Altamura, seconded by Azzolini moved to the adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-2

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-3

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.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that **Ordinance No. 2021-3** as above, be passed on first reading, to be published in the Record on February 8, 2021 and public hearing on the Ordinance to be held at the Regular Meeting on February 17, 2021 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: Councilperson Cassidy, seconded by DiMarco moved to the adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-3

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

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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.

- a. Letter from Anthony & Lori Ann Iacovino requesting the purchase of a parcel of land located behind their home which is owned by the Borough.

REPORTS OF GOVERNING BODY:

Council President Marino: No Report

Councilperson Cassidy: No Report

Councilman Altamura:

Police- (December) - Chief Korin reports on December 6th the Girl Scouts held their Christmas Tree lighting at Veteran's Park. The Wood-Ridge Police Officers, along with our Auxiliary Officers were in attendance to make sure all residents were safe. On December 12th, the Spencer Saving Bank sponsored a "Coffee with a Cop" meet and greet which Chief Korin, Captain O'Donnell, Lt. Biamonte, Officer Torsiello and Council Liaison Ezio Altamura who met with our residents. They also awarded Mr. Pete O'Brien with a silver card for being a great supporter of the PBA for many years.

Recreation- These are the Recreation Commission Meeting minutes for the Recreation Commission Meeting of December 9, 2020. The high school age baseball 38 Degree Club will meet on Sundays 2-4 p.m. at WRHS and Softballs 38 Degree Club will meet on Sundays 2-4 p.m. at 14th Street Field. All Covid safety protocols will be followed. Governor Murphy has issued Executive Order #204 which has put winter sports on hold from 12/5 – 1/2. Chairman Brubaker thanked everyone for working together during a very difficult year. Jr. Football/Cheering had a great season with Peewees (7-0) who won the 2020 Northern Division and Conference Championship but fell short on the Super Bowl. AED's will be left in WRHS Field house and 14th Street Kitchen throughout the winter workouts. Councilman Altamura Thanked Mayor & Senator Paul Sarlo, a member of the NJSIAA Board, and his guidance on many of the 2020 decisions related to W-R Youth Sports. It was reiterated that If any sports experience any covid-19 related illnesses, please contact Jacki Goldklang immediately.

Public Information / Events / Website Development – During the month of December the Borough of Wood-Ridge website had a total of 6,748-page views. For more information regarding the borough please visit www.njwoodridge.org.

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Councilperson Azzolini: No Report

Councilperson DiMarco: No Report

Councilperson Romero: No Report

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Administrator Eilert: No report
Borough Clerk Affuso: No report
Attorney Barbire: No report
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:

Council President Marino declared the Hearing of Citizens to be open. With no citizens wishing to be heard, the first hearing of citizens was 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 December 30, 2020 Special Meeting.
Minutes of the January 6, 2021 Reorganization Meeting.

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RESOLUTIONS: Adoption of the following

**RESOLUTION NO.: 037-2021
RESOLUTION APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR LOCAL 32 OFFICE &
PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES UNION (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge have been advised of the proposed contract settlement between Local 32 Office and Professional Employees Union/Wood-Ridge DPW Unit and the Borough of Wood-Ridge; and

WHEREAS, the said Governing Body has been advised as to the merits of the settlement of the subject Collective Bargaining Negotiation by legal counsel and the Borough Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator be authorized to finalize the contract document as set forth in Schedule "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Wood-Ridge to settle the subject Collective Bargaining Negotiation in accordance with the terms noted herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that settlement of the said Collective Bargaining Negotiation be finalized in accordance with a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and with respect to same, the Mayor and Borough Administrator and/or any other appropriate official is hereby authorized to perform any act in order to effectuate the purposes set forth in the MOA and this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby ratify and confirm the appointment and job title of the employees of the Wood-Ridge DPW in accordance with Schedule "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof, and with respect to same, the Mayor and Borough Administrator and/or any other appropriate official is hereby authorized to perform any act in order to effectuate the purposes set forth in Schedule "A" and this Resolution; and

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 Collective Bargaining Negotiation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 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.

ATTCHMENT A

Name	2021 Job Title
Tomat, Thomas	Supervising Maintenance Repairer
Costanzo, Sal	Public Works Repairer
Schulz, Richard	Public Works Repairer
Fantacone, John	Public Works Repairer
Montanile, Robert	Public Works Repairer
Menge, Paul	Assistant Supervising Mechanic
Giordano, Vincent	Laborer 1 w/More than 1 Year Seniority & CDL
Riccio, Nicholas	Laborer 1 w/More than 1 Year Seniority & CDL
Kronyak, Dennis	Laborer 1 w/More than 1 Year Seniority & CDL
D'Amico, Angelo	Laborer 1 w/More than 1 Year Seniority & CDL
Maloney, Liam	Laborer 1 w/More than 1 Year Seniority & CDL
D'Amico, Anthony	Laborer 1 w/More than 1 Year Seniority & CDL
Colombo, Dylan	Laborer 1 w/More than 1 Year Seniority & CDL
Barat, Justin	Laborer 1 w/More than 1 Year Seniority

**RESOLUTION NO.: 038-2021
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE
THE SERVICES OF A CERTIFIED RECYCLING COORDINATOR**

WHEREAS, the Borough is required to designate a Certified Recycling coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Utilities Authority has agreed to provide the services of a Certified Recycling Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the agreement document to be executed by the Borough of Wood-Ridge and the Bergen County Utilities Authority for the purposes hereinabove described is annexed hereto and is made a part of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge as follows:

1. The Mayor of the Borough of Wood-Ridge is hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached contract with the Bergen County Utilities Authority.
2. 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.
3. 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.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 039-2021
RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 TO MARSHALL LANE PLAYGROUND**

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: Marshall Lane Playground

CONTRACTOR: Picerno-Giordano Construction, 200 Market Street, Kenilworth, NJ 07033

CHANGE ORDER No.: 1

AMOUNT OF CHANGE THIS RESOLUTION: \$32,260.45 Decrease

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 040-2021

RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT TO NICKERSON CORPORATION FOR PURCHASE OF BLEACHER SYSTEM AND PRESS BOX FOR ATHLETIC CENTER BASEBALL FIELD PURSUANT TO ESCNJ COOPERATIVE

WHEREAS, there exists a need to purchase bleachers and press box at the Recreation Center Baseball Field; and

WHEREAS, said bleacher system and press box is to be provided by ESCNJ a NJ State approved cooperative purchasing system and bearing #65 MCESSCCPS, bid #ESCNJ 019/26; and

WHEREAS, Nickerson Corporation is approved by the cooperative; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the purchase contract is \$460,455.20.20 and the Financial Officer has determined sufficient funds are available as is evidenced by Treasurer's Certification attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for such services without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection.

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, supplies, and installation made reference to hereinabove.

2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding under the provisions of 40A:11-10 of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is through ESCNJ a cooperative purchasing system.

RESOLUTION NO.: 041-2021

RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT TO NICKERSON CORPORATION FOR PURCHASE OF BLEACHER SYSTEM AND PRESS BOX FOR ATHLETIC CENTER SOFTBALL FIELD PURSUANT TO ESCNJ COOPERATIVE

WHEREAS, there exists a need to purchase bleachers and press box at the Recreation Center Softball Field; and

WHEREAS, said bleacher system and press box is to be provided by ESCNJ a NJ State approved cooperative purchasing system and bearing #65 MCESSCCPS, bid #ESCNJ 019/26; and

WHEREAS, Nickerson Corporation is approved by the cooperative; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the purchase contract is \$304,952.80 and the Financial Officer has determined sufficient funds are available as is evidenced by Treasurer's Certification attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

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2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding under the provisions of 40A:11-10 of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is through ESCNJ a cooperative purchasing system.

APPLICATIONS:

None

SEMINAR APPROVALS:

None

APPOINTMENTS:

None

HIRINGS:

None

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman Azzolini asked Councilwoman Cassidy for an update on the census. Councilwoman Cassidy explained the information is all online on www.census.gov. The deadline was back in October of 2020. The federal government is allowing more time for people to get information in because of the change in administration. The final data should probably be released sometime in late February but would be posted online the census website. This data is the response rates to the census and not the actual census numbers.

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NEW BUSINESS:

SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Council President Marino declared the Hearing of Citizens to be open.

George Armonatis of TapInTo asked what the property at 140 Park Place West which was being acquired on this evening's agenda would be used. Administrator Eilert explained this was a property that was located on the other side of Route 17 which sits over the force main for our sewer system. In purchasing this property, we are first protecting our sewer system, but it also gives us the option of relocating our pump station in the future which is currently located underground and susceptible to flooding and other negative issues in that neighborhood.

With no other citizens wishing to be heard, the second hearing of citizens was closed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Cassidy, seconded by Councilperson Altamura 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 February 3, 2021 was duly adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Affuso, RMC
Borough Clerk