

Minutes of the 1865th Regular Meeting of April 7, 2021

CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Sarlo called the Borough of Wood-Ridge Council meeting to order at 7:13 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Councilman Azzolini

ROLL CALL:

Mayor:	Paul Sarlo – present in council chambers
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 by phone
Borough Engineer:	Brian Intindola – excused
Borough Clerk:	Gina Affuso – present in council chambers
Borough Administrator:	Chris Eilert – present in council chambers

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

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ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE:

ORDINANCE 2021-4 (Budget COLA)

CALENDAR YEAR 2021 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A-4-45.14)

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 #2021-4

No citizens wished to be heard on Ordinance #2021-4.

Mayor Sarlo closed Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2021-4

Motion: Councilperson Romero, seconded by Altamura moved to the adoption of Ordinance #2021-4

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-5 (Easement for South Parking Lot for Wood-Ridge Athletic Complex)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EASEMENT OF LANDS FROM NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EASEMENT DOCUMENT TO BE EXECUTED BY THE PARTIES PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:12-4.

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 #2021-5

No citizens wished to be heard on Ordinance #2021-5.

Mayor Sarlo closed Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2021-5

Motion: Councilperson DiMarco, seconded by Marino moved to the adoption of Ordinance #2021-5

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 2021-6 (Private Sale of Surplus Property)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PRIVATE SALE OF A PORTION OF BLOCK 203 LOT 12, TO BE KNOWN AS BLOCK 203 LOT 12.01, IN THE BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE, AT A PRIVATE SALE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 ET SEQ.

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 #2021-6

No citizens wished to be heard on Ordinance #2021-6.

Mayor Sarlo closed Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2021-6

Motion: Councilperson Azzolini, seconded by Marino moved to the adoption of Ordinance #2021-6

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-7 (Establishes Fire Department and Emergency Squad as separate agencies)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WOOD-RIDGE CODE SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 48 ENTITLED FIRE DEPARTMENT BY ITS REPEAL AND REPLACEMENT AND BY THE ADDITION OF TWO NEW CHAPTERS, CHAPTER 52 ENTITLED EMERGENCY SQUAD AND CHAPTER 56 ENTITLED LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM

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 #2021-7

No citizens wished to be heard on Ordinance #2021-7.

Mayor Sarlo closed Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2021-7

Mayor Sarlo commended all the members of the Fire Department and EMS for working with Administrator Eilert on a solution to this matter. Hopefully this will help with the burden of the response time for Fire and EMS to respond to incidents. He stated that the Borough has great volunteers who will make this successful.

Motion: Councilperson Altamura, seconded by Romero moved to the adoption of Ordinance #2021-7

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

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ORDINANCE 2021-8 (Approving Application Agreement)

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH 300 WESMONT DRIVE URBAN RENEWAL, LLC.

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 #2021-8

No citizens wished to be heard on Ordinance #2021-8.

Mayor Sarlo closed Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2021-8

Motion: Councilperson DiMarco, seconded by Azzolini moved to the adoption of Ordinance #2021-8

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-9 (Update to Stormwater Management Regulations)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WOOD-RIDGE CODE SPECIFICALLY PART I, ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 464, ENTITLED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT.

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 #2021-9

No citizens wished to be heard on Ordinance #2021-9.

Mayor Sarlo closed Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2021-9

Motion: Councilperson Altamura, seconded by Cassidy moved to the adoption of Ordinance #2021-9

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

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING: None

PETITIONS: None

BIDS: None

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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 Azzolini: No report this evening but he wanted to commend the Captain of EMS and Chief of Fire Department in their handling of the fire yesterday at Wesmont. He stated how impressed he was with the coordination and response with mutual aid and the handling of the entire situation.

Mayor Sarlo welcomed Assistant Chief Cribben, Captain Kronyak and Tish Ferry who were present this evening.

Councilperson Romero: Wished Chief Cribben a speedy recovery.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Administrator Eilert: no report
Borough Clerk Affuso: no report
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.

Mayor Sarlo stated today was the ribbon cutting for the new Element Hotel. We were all present today for a tour and it is one of the nicest hotels he has seen. It should bring a lot of development and business to the area. We are very excited about this new addition to our community.

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

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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: None

APPLICATIONS: None

SEMINAR APPROVALS: None

APPOINTMENTS:

- a. Appointment of Dennis Kronyak, III, Nicholas Riccio, Emily Gaige, Liam Maloney, Justin, Berta, Vincent Giordano, Alyssa Roughgarden, Nitza Granados, Matusz Czwakiel, Nicholas Fallon, Kaylee Gonzalez, Nicholas Scarimbolo and Eric Yapple as Duty Crew Members of the Wood-Ridge Emergency Squad effective April 15, 2021.

HIRINGS:

- a. Hiring of Christopher Mazzocchi as a Fire Inspector of the Bureau of Fire Prevention effective April 7, 2021 with salary as per salary ordinance.

Motion: Councilperson Marino, seconded by Azzolini 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:

Mayor Sarlo asked Captain Kronyak if there is anything on social media to help recruit new members of the EMS. Captain Kronyak stated he has launched a social media campaign and have received interest from 3 new members.

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NEW BUSINESS: None

SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Mayor Sarlo declared the Hearing of Citizens to be open. 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 Romero, 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 April 7, 2021 was duly adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Affuso, RMC
Borough Clerk