

*Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 29, 2022*

**CALLED TO ORDER:**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** was led by Councilman DiMarco

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING:**

Public Hearing on the 2022 Municipal Budget.

Administrator Eilert stated the Municipal Budget was introduced at our last Council meeting. It is below the appropriations cap and tax levy cap and, as introduced, we will not have a tax increase for the second year in a row. As we speak, the State budget was just passed, which is why Mayor Sarlo is not here. Governor Murphy is expected to sign it tomorrow at 10:00 am. That may result in some slight changes to some grant and state aid money, but nothing dramatic. If all goes as anticipated, we will adopt the Budget at our July meeting.

Council President Cassidy declared the Public Hearing on the 2022 Municipal Budget to be open. With no citizens wishing to be heard, the Public Hearing on the 2022 Municipal Budget was closed.

**FIRST HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

Council President Cassidy declared the first hearing of citizens to be open. With no citizens wishing to be heard, the first hearing of citizens was closed.

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

**BOND ORDINANCE 2022-8 (WRAC Purchase)**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE WOOD-RIDGE ATHLETIC COMPLEX IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$8,200,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$8,200,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF.**

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 Cassidy called for a Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2022-8.

With no citizens wishing to be heard, Council President Cassidy closed Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2022-8

Motion: Councilperson Marino, seconded by Romero moved to the adoption of Ordinance #2022-8

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

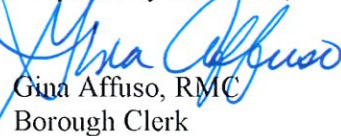
**SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

Council President Cassidy declared the Hearing of Citizens to be open. With no 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 Altamura, seconded by Councilperson DiMarco 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 June 29, 2022 was duly adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gina Affuso, RMC  
Borough Clerk