

Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 1, 2023

CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Sarlo called the Borough of Wood-Ridge Council meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: was led by Council President Azzolini

ROLL CALL:

Mayor:	Paul Sarlo – present
Council President:	Dominick Azzolini – present
Council:	Ezio Altamura – present
	Edward Marino – present
	Philip Romero – running late
	Michele A. Mabel – present
	Michael Donato – 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 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.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE:

BOND ORDINANCE 2023-12 (Highland Avenue Annex)

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HIGHLAND AVENUE LEARNING ANNEX AND RECREATION CENTER IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$32,500,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$20,000,000 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.

Mayor Sarlo called for a Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2023-12. With no citizens wishing to speak, Mayor Sarlo closed Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2023-12

Motion: Councilperson Marino, seconded by Donato moved to the adoption of Ordinance #2023-12

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Discussion: Mayor Sarlo explained the Borough received a \$12.5 million-dollar grant from the state to offset the \$32 million cost. This allows us to issue the \$20 million-dollar bond. Hopefully over the next few years we will be able to secure some more to allow us to reduce the financing.

Roll Call: Azzolini yes, Altamura yes, Marino yes, Romero yes, Mabel yes, Donato yes

SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Altamura, seconded by Councilperson Mabel moved for adjournment. By unanimous vote of the members of the Council present, the Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge held on November 1, 2023 was duly adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Affuso, RMC
Borough Clerk