

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 30, 2024

CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Sarlo called the Borough of Wood-Ridge Council meeting to order at 3:09 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor:	Paul Sarlo – present by phone
Council:	Ezio Altamura – present by phone
	Dominick Azzolini – excused
	Edward Marino – present by phone
	Philip Romero – present by phone
	Michele A. Mabel – present by phone
	Michael Donato – excused
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 town bulletin board and the town website and was forwarded to The Record and the Star Ledger.

RESOLUTIONS: Adoption of the following

**RESOLUTION NO.: 042-2024
STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
GREEN ACRES PROGRAM
ENABLING RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has previously obtained four Green Acre grants of \$750,000 each in 2017, 2019, 2021, and 2023 which total \$3,000,000 from the State to fund the following project(s):

#0269-17-055 Wood-Ridge Recreation Complex Acquisition

WHEREAS, the State determined that the Certified Market Value of the property is \$18,240,000, the remaining eligible balance after deducting prior grants and matching shares is \$7,740,000, and therefore the Borough is eligible for a 50% matching grant of \$3,870,000; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to further the public interest by obtaining additional grant funding in the amount of \$3,870,000 in the form of a matching grant from the state to fund the above-named project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is willing to use the State’s funds in accordance with its rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an Amendment of the Agreement with the State for the above-named project; and,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT:

1. **Mayor Paul A. Sarlo** or the successor to the office of the Mayor of the Borough of Wood-Ridge is hereby authorized to:
 - (a) make application for such a grant,
 - (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
 - (c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant; and
2. The Borough has and agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding request, if a match is required, in the amount of \$3,870,000.
3. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

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

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Mayor Sarlo declared the Hearing of Citizens to be open. With no citizens wishing to speak, 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 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge held on January 30, 2024 was duly adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Affuso, RMC
Borough Clerk