

Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 7, 2025

CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Sarlo called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

SUNSHINE NOTICE:

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 Borough's bulletin board and website and was forwarded to The Record and the Star Ledger.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS:

Borough Clerk Gina Affuso announced the results of the November 5, 2024 General Election.

- a. Ezio I. Altamura elected to a full three-year term as Councilperson with a vote of 3,017.
- b. Richard J. Wall elected to a full three-year term as Councilperson with a vote of 2,770.

Councilperson Romero escorted Councilperson Altamura to the Dais. Councilperson Mabel escorted Councilperson Wall to the Dais.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor:	Paul Sarlo – present
Council:	Ezio Altamura – present
	Dominick Azzolini – present
	Philip Romero – present
	Michele A. Mabel – present
	Michael Donato – present
	Richard J. Wall – present
Borough Attorney:	Paul Barbire – present
Borough Engineer:	Brian Intindola – present
Borough Clerk:	Gina Affuso – present
Borough Administrator:	Chris Eilert – present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: was led by Councilperson Azzolini

At this time a moment of silence was held for former Present Jimmy Carter.

At this time Father George Gillen provided the invocation.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

- a. Oath of Office was administered to Ezio I. Altamura by Mayor Paul Sarlo. The bible was held by his wife Jane, his daughter Christina, son-in-law Gregg and longtime friend Gene Postaski.
- b. Oath of Office was administered to Richard J. Wall by Mayor Paul Sarlo. The bible was held by his wife Regina and his children, Alexis, Kaitlyn, Isobella, Jake and Shane.

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ADOPTION OF THE BY-LAWS OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Mayor Sarlo called for a Motion to adopt the By-Laws.

Motion: Councilperson Azzolini, seconded by Councilperson Romero to adopt the By-Laws.

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

SELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL:

Mayor Sarlo requested Council to select a President of the Council.

Motion: Councilperson Donato, seconded by Councilperson Romero to nominate Councilperson Mabel as Council President.

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

ADOPTION OF THE ROLL CALL OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Mayor Sarlo called for a motion adopting the following Roll Call.

Mayor: Paul Sarlo
Council: Michele Mabel
Ezio Altamura
Dominick Azzolini
Philip Romero
Michael Donato
Richard Wall

Motion: Councilperson Azzolini, seconded by Councilperson Wall to adopt the Roll Call.

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

NOMINATIONS OF STATUTORY OFFICERS: All Effective as of January 1, 2025

Mayor Sarlo nominated **CHRISTOPHER W. EILERT** to the position of Borough Administrator.

Motion: Councilperson Wall, seconded by Councilperson Donato appointing **CHRISTOPHER W. EILERT** to the position of Borough Administrator.

Roll Call: Mabel yes, Altamura abstain, Azzolini yes, Romero yes, Donato yes, Wall yes

Mayor Sarlo nominated **PAUL S. BARBIRE** to the position of Borough Attorney.

Motion: Councilperson Altamura, seconded by Councilperson Azzolini appointing **PAUL S. BARBIRE** to the position of Borough Attorney.

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

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Mayor Sarlo nominated **MICHAEL J. NEGLIA** to the position of Borough Engineer.

Motion: Councilperson Altamura, seconded by Councilperson Mabel appointing **MICHAEL J. NEGLIA** to the position of Borough Engineer.

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

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS:

Standing Committee Name	Chair	Vice Chair	Member
Buildings & Grounds	Wall	Mabel	Donato
Finance, Insurance & Administration	Donato	Azzolini	Wall
Fire & Emergency Management	Romero	Azzolini	Donato
Law, Land Use & Code Enforcement	Donato	Wall	Azzolini
Police & Public Safety	Altamura	Azzolini	Mabel
Public Information & Events	Mabel	Altamura	Romero
Public Works, Sanitation, Recycling & Utilities	Azzolini	Romero	Altamura

Special Committee Name	Chair	Vice Chair	Member
Special Committee on School Facilities	Mabel	Azzolini	Wall
Special Committee on Recreation Facilities	Romero	Donato	Altamura

	President	Vice President	Members
Board of Health	Donato	Mabel	Altamura, Azzolini, Romero, Wall

Board, Committee, Commission or Constituency	Council Liaison
Board of Education & PTA	Mabel
Community Development	Wall - Donato
Emergency Management	Romero
Historical Society	Azzolini
Joint Insurance Fund	Azzolini
Library Board of Trustees	Romero
Municipal Alliance	Mabel
Planning Board	Donato
Public Events Committee	Mabel - Altamura - Romero
Recreation Commission	Altamura
Senior Citizens	Mabel - Altamura
Veterans	Donato - Altamura

Motion: Councilperson Wall, seconded by Councilperson Azzolini to approve the appointment of Council Committees and Liaisons.

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

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WHEREAS, the agreement to be executed by the Borough of Wood-Ridge and Administrator is annexed hereto and is made a part of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Wood-Ridge to enter into said contract agreement in accordance with the terms noted herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Christopher W. Eilert is hereby appointed Borough Administrator for the Borough of Wood-Ridge from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract with Christopher W. Eilert as Borough Administrator; 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 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 Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

RESOLUTION NO.: 006-2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF INSURANCE CONSULTANT
Effective Period: January 1 – December 31, 2025
Resolution Authorizing “Fair and Open” RFQ Process: Resolution 129-2024
Deadline for RFQ Submissions: November 20, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage an Insurance Consultant for the purpose and period listed above, to provide professional services which are a vital and necessary operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is required to comply with New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council adopted the resolution listed above authorizing the acquisition of professional services utilizing a “Fair and Open” process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough followed all provisions of New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c. 19 N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.) and all related requirements issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, including advertising a “Request for Qualifications” (“RFQ”) at least 10 days in advance of the submission deadline listed above; and

WHEREAS, all RFQs received were publicly announced by the Borough Clerk on the deadline date immediately following the lapse of the deadline time; and

WHEREAS, the RFQs have been reviewed by the Borough Council who considered the professional’s qualifications, experience and reputation in the field, knowledge of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Professional Insurance Associates is hereby appointed as Insurance Consultant for the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the period listed above; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract is made pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment is subject to the execution of a formal written contract, if needed, between the Borough and the contractor and/or appointee and the adoption of said resolution shall not create an obligation on the part of the Borough to formally engage said contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

**RESOLUTION NO: 008-2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF RISK MANAGER**

**Effective Period: January 1 – December 31, 2025
Resolution Authorizing “Fair and Open” RFQ Process: Resolution 129-2024
Deadline for RFQ Submissions: November 20, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage a Risk Manager for the purpose and period listed above, to provide professional services which are a vital and necessary operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is required to comply with New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council adopted the resolution listed above authorizing the acquisition of professional services utilizing a “Fair and Open” process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough followed all provisions of New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c. 19 N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.) and all related requirements issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, including advertising a “Request for Qualifications” (“RFQ”) at least 10 days in advance of the submission deadline listed above; and

WHEREAS, all RFQs received were publicly announced by the Borough Clerk on the deadline date immediately following the lapse of the deadline time; and

WHEREAS, the RFQs have been reviewed by the Borough Council who considered the professional’s qualifications, experience and reputation in the field, knowledge of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Professional Insurance Associates is hereby as appointed Risk Manager for the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the period listed above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract is made pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment is subject to the execution of a formal written contract, if needed, between the Borough and the contractor and/or appointee and the adoption of said resolution shall not create an obligation on the part of the Borough to formally engage said contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

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RESOLUTION NO: 009-2025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF INSURANCE PRODUCER/CONSULTANT

Effective Period: January 1 – December 31, 2025

Resolution Authorizing “Fair and Open” RFQ Process: Resolution 129-2024

Deadline for RFQ Submissions: November 20, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage an Insurance Producer for the purpose and period listed above, to provide professional services which are a vital and necessary operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is required to comply with New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council adopted the resolution listed above authorizing the acquisition of professional services utilizing a “Fair and Open” process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough followed all provisions of New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c. 19 N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.) and all related requirements issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, including advertising a “Request for Qualifications” (“RFQ”) at least 10 days in advance of the submission deadline listed above; and

WHEREAS, all RFQs received were publicly announced by the Borough Clerk on the deadline date immediately following the lapse of the deadline time; and

WHEREAS, the RFQs have been reviewed by the Borough Council who considered the professional’s qualifications, experience and reputation in the field, knowledge of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Professional Insurance Associates is hereby appointed as Insurance Producer/Consultant for the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the period listed above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract is made pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment is subject to the execution of a formal written contract, if needed, between the Borough and the contractor and/or appointee and the adoption of said resolution shall not create an obligation on the part of the Borough to formally engage said contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

Motion: Councilperson Azzolini, seconded by Councilperson Wall to approve item k. and p. under Appointments and Resolutions 001-2025, 006-2025, 008-2025 and 009-2025.

Roll Call: Mabel yes, Altamura abstain, Azzolini yes, Romero yes, Donato yes, Wall yes

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MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS: All Effective as of January 1, 2025

Not requiring advice and consent of the Borough Council

a. **Municipal Alcohol & Drug Alliance Committee:**

Michael O'Donnell, Chairperson	1-year term to 12/31/25
David Marchitelli, Vice-Chairperson	1-year term to 12/31/25
Anthony Albro, Secretary	1-year term to 12/31/25

b. **Library Board of Trustees:**

Judy Pepe - Member	5-year term to 12/31/29
Bozena Katic - Member	5-year term to 12/31/29

Designated Alternate of the Mayor:

Catherine Cassidy - Member	1-year term to 12/31/25
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c. **Planning Board:**

Richard Pronti - Class II Member	1-year term to 12/31/25
Robert Ruhle – Class IV Member	4-year term to 12/31/28
Kevin Trotter – Class IV Member	4-year term to 12/31/28
Anthony Sarlo – Class IV Alternate #1 Member	2-year term to 12/31/26
Christian Leone – Class IV Alternate #2 Member	2-year term to 12/31/26

Designated Alternate of the Mayor:

Christopher W. Eilert – Class I Member	1-year term to 12/31/25
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d. **Recreation Commission:**

Lori Ann Iacovino – Member	5-year term to 12/31/29
Barbara Fischkelta – Member	5-year term to 12/31/29
Jason Cata – Alternate Member #1	unexpired term to 12/31/25

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.

RESOLUTIONS: Adoption of the following, **All Effective as of January 1, 2025**

RESOLUTION NO.: 002-2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY
Effective Period: January 1 – December 31, 2025
Resolution Authorizing “Fair and Open” RFQ Process: Resolution 129-2024
Deadline for RFQ Submissions: November 20, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage an Attorney for the purpose and period listed above, to provide professional services which are a vital and necessary operation of the Borough; and

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WHEREAS, the Borough is required to comply with New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council adopted the resolution listed above authorizing the acquisition of professional services utilizing a "Fair and Open" process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough followed all provisions of New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c. 19 N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.) and all related requirements issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, including advertising a "Request for Qualifications" ("RFQ") at least 10 days in advance of the submission deadline listed above; and

WHEREAS, all RFQs received were publicly announced by the Borough Clerk on the deadline date immediately following the lapse of the deadline time; and

WHEREAS, the RFQs have been reviewed by the Borough Council who considered the professional's qualifications, experience and reputation in the field, knowledge of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Paul S. Barbire is hereby appointed as Borough Attorney for the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the period listed above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract is made pursuant to a "Fair and Open" process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment is subject to the execution of a formal written contract, if needed, between the Borough and the contractor and/or appointee and the adoption of said resolution shall not create an obligation on the part of the Borough to formally engage said contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

RESOLUTION NO: 003-2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF ENGINEER
Effective Period: January 1 – December 31, 2025
Resolution Authorizing "Fair and Open" RFQ Process: Resolution 129-2024
Deadline for RFQ Submissions: November 20, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage an Engineer for the purpose and period listed above, to provide professional services which are a vital and necessary operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is required to comply with New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council adopted the resolution listed above authorizing the acquisition of professional services utilizing a "Fair and Open" process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough followed all provisions of New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c. 19 N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.) and all related requirements issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, including advertising a "Request for Qualifications" ("RFQ") at least 10 days in advance of the submission deadline listed above; and

WHEREAS, all RFQs received were publicly announced by the Borough Clerk on the deadline date immediately following the lapse of the deadline time; and

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WHEREAS, the RFQs have been reviewed by the Borough Council who considered the professional's qualifications, experience and reputation in the field, knowledge of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Michael Neglia/ The Neglia Group is hereby appointed as Engineer for the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the period listed above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract is made pursuant to a "Fair and Open" process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment is subject to the execution of a formal written contract, if needed, between the Borough and the contractor and/or appointee and the adoption of said resolution shall not create an obligation on the part of the Borough to formally engage said contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

RESOLUTION NO: 004-2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH AUDITOR
Effective Period: January 1 – December 31, 2025
Resolution Authorizing "Fair and Open" RFQ Process: Resolution 129-2024
Deadline for RFQ Submissions: November 20, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage an Auditor for the purpose and period listed above, to provide professional services which are a vital and necessary operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is required to comply with New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council adopted the resolution listed above authorizing the acquisition of professional services utilizing a "Fair and Open" process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough followed all provisions of New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c. 19 N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.) and all related requirements issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, including advertising a "Request for Qualifications" ("RFQ") at least 10 days in advance of the submission deadline listed above; and

WHEREAS, all RFQs received were publicly announced by the Borough Clerk on the deadline date immediately following the lapse of the deadline time; and

WHEREAS, the RFQs have been reviewed by the Borough Council who considered the professional's qualifications, experience and reputation in the field, knowledge of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP is hereby appointed as Auditor for the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the period listed above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract is made pursuant to a "Fair and Open" process; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment is subject to the execution of a formal written contract, if needed, between the Borough and the contractor and/or appointee and the adoption of said resolution shall not create an obligation on the part of the Borough to formally engage said contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

RESOLUTION NO: 005-2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH APPRAISER
Effective Period: January 1 – December 31, 2025
Resolution Authorizing “Fair and Open” RFQ Process: Resolution 129-2024
Deadline for RFQ Submissions: November 20, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage an Appraiser for the purpose and period listed above, to provide professional services which are a vital and necessary operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is required to comply with New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council adopted the resolution listed above authorizing the acquisition of professional services utilizing a “Fair and Open” process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough followed all provisions of New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c. 19 N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.) and all related requirements issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, including advertising a “Request for Qualifications” (“RFQ”) at least 10 days in advance of the submission deadline listed above; and

WHEREAS, all RFQs received were publicly announced by the Borough Clerk on the deadline date immediately following the lapse of the deadline time; and

WHEREAS, the RFQs have been reviewed by the Borough Council who considered the professional’s qualifications, experience and reputation in the field, knowledge of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Associated Appraisal Group is hereby appointed as Appraiser for the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the period listed above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract is made pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment is subject to the execution of a formal written contract, if needed, between the Borough and the contractor and/or appointee and the adoption of said resolution shall not create an obligation on the part of the Borough to formally engage said contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

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**RESOLUTION NO.: 007-2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER TO SOUTH BERGEN
MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has resolved to join the South Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, the Bergen Municipal Excess Liability Insurance Fund, The Municipal Excess Liability Fund, and the Municipal Employee Benefit Fund; and

WHEREAS, the by-laws of said Funds require that a Commissioner to said Funds be appointed by the Mayor and Council; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that **Dominick Azzolini** is hereby appointed as **Commissioner to the South Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, the Bergen Municipal Excess Liability Insurance Fund, The Municipal Excess Liability Fund, and the Municipal Employee Benefit Fund** for the year 2025.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 010-2025
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BANKS FOR 2025**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Valley National, JP Morgan Chase, Spencer Savings Bank and Bank of New Jersey be designated as depositories for the Borough funds for the year 2025.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 012-2025
RESOLUTION APPROVING DRIVERS OF FIRE TRUCKS**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the following persons, Volunteer Firefighters of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, are hereby designated and appointed as drivers of the fire engines and emergency vehicles of the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the year 2025.

L. Cho	K. Cribben	T. Sarracino
E. Loucka	L. Maloney	M. Czwakiel
T.H. Burniston	M. Donato	G. Ruiz
T. Bischoff, Jr.	D. O'Beirne	J. Gaige
F. Dressel V	J. Hone	M. Cribben
P. Muccio	N. Fallon	R. Cribben
S. Sarracino	N. Riccio	V. Giordano
R. Phillips	E. Vazquez	G. Gorab
R. Phillip, Jr.	K. Schulz	N. Meglio
J. Berta	M. Maceri	D. Kronyak, Jr.
J. Fogge	E. Gaige	T.M. Burniston
Nico Scarimbolo	Marlon Cornejo Gomez	David Potchoiba
	Marc Nazeh	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said volunteer firefighters, heretofore designated as drivers, be instructed that in the event they become involved in any accident by reason of their operation of fire and/or emergency vehicles, they shall immediately give written notice of said accident to the Police Department of the Borough of Wood-Ridge;

**RESOLUTION NO.: 013-2025
RESOLUTION APPROVING RATE OF INTEREST FOR DELINQUENT TAXES**

WHEREAS, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that a rate of eight (8%) percent per annum be charged on all delinquent taxes up to the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for the year 2025, and eighteen (18%) percent per annum shall be charged on any amount in excess of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for the year 2025; further in accordance with NJSA 54:4-67; and be it

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no interest shall be charged if payment of an installment is made within ten (10) days after the date upon which the sum became due and payable.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 014-2025
RESOLUTION APPROVING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS**

WHEREAS, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that THE RECORD and the STAR LEDGER, be designated as the official newspapers of the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the year 2025.

**RESOLUTION 015-2025
NOTICE OF MEETING DATES FOR 2025**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that the Reorganization Meeting and the Regular Meetings of the Mayor and Council for the year 2025 will be held on the dates listed below in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 85 Humboldt Street, Wood-Ridge, NJ. All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. (prevailing time), unless otherwise listed below.

January 7, 2025 - Reorganization Meeting at 5:30 pm
January 15, 2025
February 19, 2025
March 5, 2025 - Youth Government Night – meeting at 5:00 pm
March 19, 2025
April 16, 2025
May 7, 2025
May 21, 2025
June 18, 2025
July 16, 2025
August 20, 2025
September 17, 2025
October 1, 2025
October 15, 2025
November 12, 2025
December 3, 2025
December 17, 2025

FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN: The Mayor and Council intend that formal action be taken at the reorganization meeting, regular meetings, and/or special meetings of the Borough Council. The designation of a particular meeting as the reorganization meeting, a regular meeting, and/or a special meeting shall have no significance with respect to the type of action which the Governing Body may take at such meetings. Specifically, whether a reorganization meeting, a regular meeting, and/or a special meeting occurs, the Mayor

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and Council intend that formal action by formal vote will or may occur at any such meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this information and schedule of meetings be distributed to the Bergen County Clerk, the RECORD and the STAR LEDGER and a copy thereof be posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

RESOLUTION NO.: 016-2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RECREATION CHECKS

WHEREAS, from time to time it is necessary for the Recreation Commission to draw certain checks in advance of the Mayor and Council Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to draw checks from the Borough's Operating Account not to exceed \$2,500.00; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Chief Financial Officer be allowed to draft these checks in an appropriate fashion not to exceed \$2,500.00.

RESOLUTION NO.: 017-2025
RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE FUND

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the following Petty Cash Funds and Change Funds are hereby authorized for the year 2025:

CHANGE FUND:

Board of Health	\$100.00	Gina Affuso
Tax Office	\$100.00	Kellie Romero
Finance Office	\$100.00	Steve Drotos

PETTY CASH:

Finance Office	\$500.00	Kyle Wiedemann
Police Department	\$250.00	Michael O'Donnell

RESOLUTION NO. 018-2025

Resolution Re: Establishing Temporary Budget Appropriation for 2025

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides that where contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to final adoption of the 2025 Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

WHEREAS, this resolution will take effect on the first day of January, 2025, and

WHEREAS, said total temporary appropriations are limited to 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2024 Budget exclusive of any appropriations made for debt service, and capital

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improvement fund in the said 2024 Budget.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, that the following appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for the Borough's records.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS

General Administration		
Salaries and Wages	\$	45,000
Other Expenses		15,000
Mayor and Council		
Salaries and Wages		15,000
Other Expenses		1,500
Municipal Clerk		
Salaries and Wages		95,000
Other Expenses		18,000
Financial Administration		
Salaries and Wages		70,000
Other Expenses		10,000
Technology and Information Systems		
Other Expenses		30,000
Audit Services		25,000
Revenue Administration		40,000
Salaries and Wages		5,000
Other Expenses		
Tax Assessment Administration		7,500
Salaries and Wages		6,000
Other Expenses		
Legal Services and Costs		70,000
Other Expenses		
Engineering Services and Costs		30,000
Other Expenses		
Historical Sites Office		1,700
Other Expenses		

LAND USE ADMINISTRATION

Planning Board		
Salaries and Wages	\$	2,700
Other Expenses		7,000

INSURANCE

General Liability Insurance	95,000	95,000
Workers Compensation		625,000
Employee Group Insurance		

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PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTIONS

Police		
Salaries and Wages		1,600,000
Other Expenses		50,000
ADAC Program		1,500
Office of Emergency Management		
Salaries and Wages		16,000
Other Expenses		1,000
Fire Department		
Salaries and Wages		35,000
Other Expenses - Miscellaneous		50,000
Fire Hydrant Service		40,000
Uniform Fire Safety		
Fire Official		
Salaries and Wages		30,000
Other Expenses		8,000
Municipal Prosecutor		
Other Expenses		9,000

PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS

Streets and Road Maintenance		
Salaries and Wages		450,000
Other Expenses		45,000
Sewer System Maintenance		
Other Expenses		25,000
Solid Waste Collection		
Recycling		
Other Expenses		50,000
Garbage and Trash Removal		450,000
Garbage and Trash Removal - Condominium Svcs		12,000
Buildings and Grounds		
Other Expenses		80,000
Vehicle Maintenance		
Salaries and Wages		45,000
Other Expenses		45,000

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FUNCTIONS

Public Health Services (Board of Health)		
Salaries and Wages	\$	5,000
Other Expenses		17,000

PARK AND RECREATION FUNCTIONS

Recreation Services and Programs		
Salaries and Wages	35,000	
Other Expenses		50,000
Senior Citizen Organizations		7,000
Celebration of Public Events		

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Other Expenses		40,000
MUNICIPAL COURT		
Salaries and Wages		10,000
Other Expenses		30,000
Public Defender		
Other Expenses		1,500
CODE ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION		
Construction Code Official		
Salaries and Wages		75,000
Other Expenses		10,000
UTILITY EXPENSES AND BULK PURCHASES		
Street Lighting		60,000
Telephone and Telegraph		50,000
Water		30,000
Natural Gas and Electricity		90,000
Gasoline		40,000
OTHER		
Bergen County Utilities Authority	200,000	
Sewer Fees		
Borough of Lodi	50,000	
PVSC	25,000	
Maintenance of Free Public Library		220,000
Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP)		1,500
Unemployment Insurance		3,500
Contribution to		
Social Security System		110,000
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	Subtotal Current Fund	5,512,400
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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS		
Capital Improvement Fund		250,000
MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE		
Principal on Bonds	\$ 975,000	
Interest on Bonds		287,769
Interest on Notes		515,632
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	Total Current Fund	\$ 7,540,801
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**RESOLUTION NO.: 019-2025
RESOLUTION APPROVING BLANKET BOND**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that all employees of the Borough, not required to post individual bonds, are hereby covered under a blanket bond provided by the Borough's membership in the South Bergen Joint Insurance Fund up to one million dollars.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 020-2025
RESOLUTION ADOPTING EMPLOYEE MANUAL DATED JANUARY 1, 2024**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge has determined that there is a need for personnel policies and procedures to ensure that employees and prospective employees are treated in a manner consistent with these laws and regulations; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that the Employee Manual attached hereto is hereby adopted; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that these personnel policies and procedures shall apply to all officials, appointees, employees, volunteers and independent contractors. In the event there is a conflict between these rules and any collective bargaining agreement, personnel services contract or Federal or State Law, the terms and conditions of that contract or law shall prevail. In all other cases, these policies and procedures shall prevail.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this manual is intended to provide guidelines covering public service employees and is not a contract. The provisions of this manual may be amended and supplemented from time to time without notice and at the sole discretion of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to the maximum extent permitted by law, employment practices for the Borough of Wood-Ridge will operate under the legal doctrine known as "employment at will".

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey the Manual dated January 1, 2024 shall serve as the Borough's Policies and Procedures serving and applying to every Employee, Volunteer, Elected & Appointed Official and Independent Contractor(s) serving the Municipality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Administrator and all managerial/supervisory personnel are responsible for these employment practices. The Borough Clerk and the Borough Attorney shall assist the Borough Administrator in the implementation of the policies and procedures in this manual.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 021-2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF PAYROLL**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary payrolls for the employees during the year 2025.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 022-2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SEMI-MONTHLY PAYROLL**

WHEREAS, the largest percentage of the Borough Payroll is on a semi-monthly basis; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to release in advance the semi-monthly payroll checks prior to the monthly regular meeting at which time the payroll will be ratified.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 023-2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR TO ADD ADDITIONAL PENALTIES ON
DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES**

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 4425 and Senate Bill No. 2579 have been signed into law effective March 29, 1991 and April 4, 1991 respectively amending NJSA 54:4-67; AND

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, are desirous of enacting the following changes with respect to the aforementioned bills:

- Interest now charged on a property tax delinquency shall be calculated on the sum of all taxes from year to year and not calculated on a yearly basis;
- An additional penalty of 6% will be added on the amount of a property tax delinquency in excess of \$10,000. In regard to tax sale redemption, refer to N.J.S.A. 54:5-61 which sets forth the statutory penalties to be imposed, in addition to other charges and interest; i.e 2% of the amount paid for the certificate over \$200.00 up to \$5,000.00 ; up to \$10,000.00 4%; over \$10,000.00 6%. This shall also apply to all existing certificates held by the Borough on the effective date of this act.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Tax Collector to implement the above stated changes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution is given to the Tax Collector.

**RESOLUTION NO: 024-2025
CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE
IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY**

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This Cash Management Plan (the "Plan") is prepared pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 in the order to set forth the basis for the deposits ("Deposits") and investment ("Permitted Investments") of certain public funds of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, pending the use of such funds for the intended purposes. The Plan is intended to assure that all public funds identified herein are deposited in interest bearing Deposits or otherwise invested in Permitted Investments hereinafter referred to. The intent of the Plan is to provide that the decisions made with regard to the Depositions and the Permitted Investments will be done to insure the safety, the liquidity (regarding its availability for the intended purposes), and the maximum investment return within such limits. The Plan is intended to ensure that any Deposit or Permitted Investment matures within the time period that approximates the prospective need for the funds deposited or invested so that there is not a risk to the market value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments.

II. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIALS OF THE BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS UNDER THE PLAN

The Chief Financial Officer (the "CFO") of the Borough of Wood-Ridge is hereby authorized and directed to deposit and/or invest the funds referred to in the Plan.

III. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES

The governing body shall designate on an annual basis, the banks and financial institutions for the Deposit of all public funds referred to in the Plan, including any certificates Deposit which are not otherwise invested in Permitted Investments as provided for in this Plan.

IV. DESIGNATION OF BROKERAGE FIRMS AND DEALERS WITH WHOM THE DESIGNATED OFFICIALS MAY DEAL

Brokerage firms and/or dealers and other institutions may be designated as firms with whom the Designated Official(s) of the Borough of Wood-Ridge referred to in this Plan may deal for purposes of buying and selling securities identifies in the Plan as Permitted Investments or otherwise providing for Deposits.

V. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS

A. Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the Designated Official is hereby authorized to invest the public funds covered by this Plan, to the extent not otherwise held in Deposits, in the following Permitted Investments:

- (1) Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America (any investment contracts providing for resale arrangements with the supplier should be analyzed for legality and should be specifically authorized in the cash managements plan);
- (2) Government money market mutual funds;
- (3) Any obligation that a federal agency or a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided that such obligation bears a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor;
- (4) Bonds or other obligations of the Local Unit or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which the Local Unit is a part or within which the school district is located;
- (5) Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase approved by the Division of Investment of the Department of the Treasury for investment by Local Units;
- (6) Local government investment pools;
- (7) Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management fund established pursuant to section I of P.L. 1977, c.281 (C.52:18A-90.4); or
- (8) Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities if:
 - (a) the underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) of this subsection a;
 - (b) the custody of collateral is transferred to a third party;
 - (c) the maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days;
 - (d) the underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in section I of P.L. 1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41); and
 - (e) a master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.

For purposes of the above language, the terms "government money market fund" and "local government investment pool" shall have the following definitions:

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Government Money Market Mutual Fund. An investment company or investment trust:

- (a) which is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the "Investment Company Act of 1940", 15 U.S.C. sec 80a-1 et seq., and operated in accordance with 17 C.F.R sec. 270.2a-7.
- (b) the portfolio of which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of any eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such U.S. Government securities; and
- (c) which has:
 - (i) attained the highest ranking or the highest letter and numerical rating of a nationally recognized statistical rating organization; or
 - (ii) retained an investment advisor registered or exempt from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the "Investment Advisors Act of 1940", 15 U.S.C. sec 80b-1 et seq., with experience investing in U.S. Government securities for at least the most recent past 60 months and with assets under management in excess of \$500 million.

Local Government Investment Pool. An investment pool:

- (a) which is managed in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7;
- (b) which is rated in the highest category by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization;
- (c) which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of an eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such U.S. Government securities;
- (d) which is in compliance with rules adopted pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act, "P.L. 1968, c.410 (c.52:14B-1 et seq.) by the Local Finance Board of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, which rules shall provide for disclosure and reporting requirements, and other provisions deemed necessary by the board to provide for the safety, liquidity and yield of the investments;
- (e) which does not permit investments in instruments that: are subject to high price volatility with changing market conditions; cannot reasonably be expected, at the time of interest rate adjustment, to have a market value that approximates their par value; or utilize an index that does not support a stable net asset value; and
- (f) which purchases and redeems investments directly from the issuer, government money market mutual fund, or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund, or through the use of a national or State bank located within this State, or through a broker-dealer which, at the time of purchase or redemption, has been registered continuously for a period of at least two years pursuant to section 9 of P.L. 1967 c.9 (C.49:3-56) and has a least \$25 million in capital stock (or equivalent capitalization if not a corporation), surplus reserves for contingencies and undivided profits, or through a securities dealer who makes primary markets in U. S. Government securities and reports daily to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York its position in and borrowing on such U.S. Government securities.

VI. SAFEKEEPING CUSTODY PAYMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF PLAN

To the extent any Deposit or Permitted Investment involves a document or security which is not physically held by the Borough of Wood-Ridge, then such instrument or security shall be covered by a custodial agreement with an independent third party, which shall be a bank or financial institution in the State of New Jersey. Such institution shall provide for the designation of such investments in the name of the Borough of Wood-Ridge to assure that there is no unauthorized use of the funds or the Permitted investments or Deposits. Purchase of any Permitted Investment that involve securities shall be executed by a "delivery versus payment" method to ensure that such Permitted Investments are either received by the Borough of Wood-Ridge or by a third-party custodian prior to or upon the release of the Borough's funds.

VII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The Designated Official referred to in Section II hereof shall supply on a monthly basis to the Governing Body of the Borough of Wood-Ridge a written report of any Deposits or Permitted Investments made pursuant to this Plan, which shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

- A. The name of any institution holding funds of the Borough of Wood-Ridge as a Deposit or a Permitted Investment.
- B. The amount of securities or Deposits purchased or sold during the immediately preceding month.
- C. The class or type of securities purchased or Deposits made.
- D. The book value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments.
- E. The earned income on such Deposits or Permitted Investments. To the extent that such Amounts are actually earned at maturity, this report shall provide an accrual of such earning during the immediately preceding month.
- F. The fees incurred to undertake such Deposits or Permitted Investments.
- G. The market value of all Deposits or Permitted Investments as of the end of the immediately preceding month.
- H. All other information which may be deemed reasonable from time to time by the governing body of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

VIII. OTHER ITEMS

1. DEPOSIT OF FUNDS

All monies collected by the CFO/Finance Department turned over to the CFO/Finance Departments shall be deposited within forty-eight (48) hours in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.

The CFO shall minimize the possibility of idle cash accumulating in accounts by assuring that all amounts in excess of negotiated compensating balances are kept in interest bearing accounts or invested in accordance with this plan.

2. BONDING

The Chief Financial Officer and Tax Collector shall be covered by surety bonds; said surety bonds to be examined by the independent auditor to insure their proper execution.

3. COMPLIANCE

The Cash Management Plan of the Borough of Wood-Ridge shall be subject to the annual audit conducted pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:5-4.

IX. TERM OF PLAN

This plan shall be in effect from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. Attached to this Plan is a resolution of the governing body of the Borough of Wood-Ridge approving this Plan for such period of time. The Plan may be amended from time to time. To the extent that any amendment is adopted by the Borough Council, the Designated Official is directed to supply copies of the amendments to all of the parties who otherwise have received the copy of the originally approved Plan, which amendment shall be acknowledged in writing in the same manner as the original Plan as so acknowledged.

RESOLUTION NO: 025-2025
RESOLUTION APPROVING INTER LOCAL MUTUAL AID PLAN AND
RAPID DEPLOYMENT FORCE

WHEREAS, the Police Departments in Bergen County have a day to day responsibility to provide for the security of lives and property, for the maintenance and preservation of the public peace and order; and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Officials also have a responsibility to provide for preparedness against natural emergencies, such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, major storms, etc., man-made causes, civil unrest, and civil disobedience such as riots, strikes, jail or prison riots, train wrecks, aircraft crashes, major fires, ethnic disorders, riots, terrorist incidents and bombings, state and national emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Police Chief's Association has proposed a Mutual Aid Plan, Bergen County Regional Swat Team and Rapid Deployment Force to deal with these emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is adopted in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.1, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4, and N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.6; and

WHEREAS, this Plan will provide a uniform procedure for the coordination of the requesting, dispatching, and utilization of law enforcement personnel and equipment whenever a local law enforcement agency requires mutual aid assistance from any other jurisdiction, both contiguous and non-contiguous, in the event of an emergency, riot or disorder, or in order to protect life and property; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and County of the Borough of Wood-Ridge to participate in a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force in accordance with the Plan as submitted by the Bergen County Police Chief's Association.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, that the Police Department of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, under the direction of the Chief of Police, cooperate with the Bergen County Police Chief's Association to create an Interlocal Services Agreement with all municipalities in the County of Bergen in order to put into place the Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force and Bergen County Regional Swat Teams; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the County Prosecutor and all municipalities in the County of Bergen.

**RESOLUTION NO: 026-2025
RESOLUTION APPROVING RULE AND REGULATIONS FOR THE
WOOD-RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, Section 60-12 of the Code of the Borough of Wood-Ridge mandates that the Police Chief of the Borough of Wood-Ridge promulgate Rules and Regulations for the Wood-Ridge Police Department and that same shall be approved by the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief of the Wood-Ridge Police Department has prepared and submitted to the Mayor and Council a proposed set of Rules and Regulations copy of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council in consultation with the Borough Administrator and the Borough Attorney has accepted and approved said Rules and Regulations.

NOW, THEREBY, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that the Wood-Ridge Police Department Rules and Regulations attached hereto and made a part hereof are hereby approved and accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these Rules and Regulations shall apply to all sworn employees and to all civilian employees of the department. In the event there is a conflict between these rules and any collective bargaining agreement, personnel services contract or Federal or State law, the terms and conditions of that contract or law shall prevail. In all other cases, these rules and regulations shall prevail.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Police Chief and all managerial/supervisory personnel of the Police Department are responsible for the enforcement and compliance of said Rules and Regulations.

**RESOLUTION NO: 027-2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE 1033
EQUIPMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Congress authorizes the 1033 Program to make use of excess Department of Defense (DOD) equipment by making it available at the local, county and state level. This excess DOD equipment has been purchased with taxpayer funds. Law enforcement may request resources from this program. The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) mandates that all acquired 1033 equipment be under the control of the requesting law enforcement agency. The equipment may enhance community preparedness, response, and resiliency while off-setting the costs in a time of fiscal constraints; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 2364 2(a) requires that all local or county law enforcement agencies be approved by resolution by the majority of the full membership of the governing body prior to the transmittal of 1033 Program application. The DLA requires that applications for program participation be submitted every 365 days; and

WHEREAS, the minutes of the Wood-Ridge Mayor and Council Public Meeting of August 17, 2016 provide that:

WHEREAS, the Wood-Ridge Mayor and Council (also herein referred to as the "Council") requires that the designated Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) Point of Contact for this venue submit a monthly report regarding acquired 1033 Program property to the Chief Executive Official of the venue. In the event that any property had been obtained contrary to the intent of Senate Bill No. 2364 2(a), the State Coordinator shall be

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contacted and equipment shall be transferred or returned via the federal inventory database system (FEMPMIS); and

WHEREAS, the Wood-Ridge Mayor and Council finds that the Wood-Ridge Police Department may request and acquire certain DEMIL B thru H (controlled) property in the RTD system without restriction and additional resolutions from the Council. However, it has been determined that based on the Wood-Ridge Police Department's needs, it may not acquire armored tactical vehicles, marine vessels over 28 feet, aircraft, weapons, or any items deemed without approval of the governing body. Any special application for weapons, aircraft or MRAP's must be authorized by the Council by resolution prior to the submission of the application/requisition; and

WHEREAS, the Wood-Ridge Mayor and Council shall have complete oversight of the Wood-Ridge Police Department's participation in the Department of Defense-Defense Logistics Agency-Law Enforcement Support Office/1033 Program and of any and all items obtained from the program; and

WHEREAS, the Wood-Ridge Mayor and Council recognizes that the acquisition of 1033 Program property is time-sensitive as resources are allocated to all States based on time-stamp of requisition. In the event that a LESO Point of Contact requests an item in good faith and said item is determined to be contrary to the intent of the resolution, the LESO Point of Contact may cancel the request prior to the acquisition of the property, without being in violation of S2364 2(a).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wood-Ridge Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Wood-Ridge Police Department to apply and to continue to participate in the Department of Defense-Defense Logistics Agency-Law Enforcement Support Office/1033 Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wood-Ridge Police Department shall be in accordance with all terms, conditions, and requirements set forth by the New Office of Emergency Management-Law Enforcement Support Office State Plan of Operation and Memorandum of Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO: 028-2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR BOND
ISSUANCE

Effective Period: January 1 – December 31, 2025
Resolution Authorizing "Fair and Open" RFQ Process: Resolution 129-2024
Deadline for RFQ Submissions: November 20, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage an Attorney for the purpose and period listed above, to provide professional services which are a vital and necessary operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is required to comply with New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council adopted the resolution listed above authorizing the acquisition of professional services utilizing a "Fair and Open" process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough followed all provisions of New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c. 19 N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.) and all related requirements issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, including advertising a "Request for Qualifications" ("RFQ") at least 10 days in advance of the submission deadline listed above; and

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WHEREAS, all RFQs received were publicly announced by the Borough Clerk on the deadline date immediately following the lapse of the deadline time; and

WHEREAS, the RFQs have been reviewed by the Borough Council who considered the professional's qualifications, experience and reputation in the field, knowledge of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Rogut, McCarthy, LLC., Parker McCay, PA and McManimon, Scotland & Bauman, LLC are hereby appointed as Special Counsel for Bond Issuance for the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the period listed above, subject to assignment of work and authorization to proceed with performance of services by the Borough Administrator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract is made pursuant to a "Fair and Open" process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment is subject to the execution of a formal written contract, if needed, between the Borough and the contractor and/or appointee and the adoption of said resolution shall not create an obligation on the part of the Borough to formally engage said contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

RESOLUTION NO: 029-2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR REDEVELOPMENT

Effective Period: January 1 – December 31, 2025
Resolution Authorizing "Fair and Open" RFQ Process: Resolution 129-2024
Deadline for RFQ Submissions: November 20, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage an Attorney for the purpose and period listed above, to provide professional services which are a vital and necessary operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is required to comply with New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council adopted the resolution listed above authorizing the acquisition of professional services utilizing a "Fair and Open" process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough followed all provisions of New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c. 19 N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.) and all related requirements issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, including advertising a "Request for Qualifications" ("RFQ") at least 10 days in advance of the submission deadline listed above; and

WHEREAS, all RFQs received were publicly announced by the Borough Clerk on the deadline date immediately following the lapse of the deadline time; and

WHEREAS, the RFQs have been reviewed by the Borough Council who considered the professional's qualifications, experience and reputation in the field, knowledge of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Aronsohn, Weiner, Salerno & Kaufman, PC, McManimon, Scotland & Bauman, LLC and Parker McCay, PC are hereby appointed as Special Counsel for Redevelopment for the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the period listed above, subject to assignment of work and authorization to proceed with performance of services by the Borough Administrator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract is made pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment is subject to the execution of a formal written contract, if needed, between the Borough and the contractor and/or appointee and the adoption of said resolution shall not create an obligation on the part of the Borough to formally engage said contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

RESOLUTION NO: 030-2025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LAND USE

Effective Period: January 1 – December 31, 2025

Resolution Authorizing “Fair and Open” RFQ Process: Resolution 129-2024

Deadline for RFQ Submissions: November 20, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage an Attorney for the purpose and period listed above, to provide professional services which are a vital and necessary operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is required to comply with New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council adopted the resolution listed above authorizing the acquisition of professional services utilizing a “Fair and Open” process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough followed all provisions of New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c. 19 N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.) and all related requirements issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, including advertising a “Request for Qualifications” (“RFQ”) at least 10 days in advance of the submission deadline listed above; and

WHEREAS, all RFQs received were publicly announced by the Borough Clerk on the deadline date immediately following the lapse of the deadline time; and

WHEREAS, the RFQs have been reviewed by the Borough Council who considered the professional’s qualifications, experience and reputation in the field, knowledge of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Aronsohn, Weiner, Salerno & Kaufman, PC. is hereby appointed as Special Counsel for Land Use for the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the period listed above, subject to assignment of work and authorization to proceed with performance of services by the Borough Administrator; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract is made pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment is subject to the execution of a formal written contract, if needed, between the Borough and the contractor and/or appointee and the adoption of said resolution shall not create an obligation on the part of the Borough to formally engage said contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

RESOLUTION NO.: 031-2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR TAX APPEALS

Effective Period: January 1 – December 31, 2025
Resolution Authorizing “Fair and Open” RFQ Process: Resolution 129-2024
Deadline for RFQ Submissions: November 20, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage an Attorney for the purpose and period listed above, to provide professional services which are a vital and necessary operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is required to comply with New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council adopted the resolution listed above authorizing the acquisition of professional services utilizing a “Fair and Open” process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough followed all provisions of New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c. 19 N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.) and all related requirements issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, including advertising a “Request for Qualifications” (“RFQ”) at least 10 days in advance of the submission deadline listed above; and

WHEREAS, all RFQs received were publicly announced by the Borough Clerk on the deadline date immediately following the lapse of the deadline time; and

WHEREAS, the RFQs have been reviewed by the Borough Council who considered the professional’s qualifications, experience and reputation in the field, knowledge of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Paul S. Barbire, Esq. and Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC are hereby appointed as Special Counsel for Tax Appeals for the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the period listed above, subject to assignment of work and authorization to proceed with performance of services by the Borough Administrator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract is made pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment is subject to the execution of a formal written contract, if needed, between the Borough and the contractor and/or appointee and the adoption of said resolution shall not create an obligation on the part of the Borough to formally engage said contractor.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

RESOLUTION NO: 032-2025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LITIGATION

Effective Period: January 1 – December 31, 2025

Resolution Authorizing “Fair and Open” RFQ Process: Resolution 129-2024

Deadline for RFQ Submissions: November 20, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage an Attorney for the purpose and period listed above, to provide professional services which are a vital and necessary operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is required to comply with New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council adopted the resolution listed above authorizing the acquisition of professional services utilizing a “Fair and Open” process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough followed all provisions of New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c. 19 N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.) and all related requirements issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, including advertising a “Request for Qualifications” (“RFQ”) at least 10 days in advance of the submission deadline listed above; and

WHEREAS, all RFQs received were publicly announced by the Borough Clerk on the deadline date immediately following the lapse of the deadline time; and

WHEREAS, the RFQs have been reviewed by the Borough Council who considered the professional’s qualifications, experience and reputation in the field, knowledge of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Waters, McPherson & McNeill, PC and Aronsohn, Weiner, Salerno & Kaufman, PC are hereby appointed as Special Counsel for Litigation for the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the period listed above, subject to assignment of work and authorization to proceed with performance of services by the Borough Administrator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract is made pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment is subject to the execution of a formal written contract, if needed, between the Borough and the contractor and/or appointee and the adoption of said resolution shall not create an obligation on the part of the Borough to formally engage said contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

RESOLUTION NO: 033-2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH PLANNER
Effective Period: January 1 – December 31, 2025
Resolution Authorizing “Fair and Open” RFQ Process: Resolution 129-2024
Deadline for RFQ Submissions: November 20, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage a Planner for the purpose and period listed above, to provide professional services which are a vital and necessary operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is required to comply with New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council adopted the resolution listed above authorizing the acquisition of professional services utilizing a “Fair and Open” process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough followed all provisions of New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c. 19 N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.) and all related requirements issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, including advertising a “Request for Qualifications” (“RFQ”) at least 10 days in advance of the submission deadline listed above; and

WHEREAS, all RFQs received were publicly announced by the Borough Clerk on the deadline date immediately following the lapse of the deadline time; and

WHEREAS, the RFQs have been reviewed by the Borough Council who considered the professional’s qualifications, experience and reputation in the field, knowledge of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that The Neglia Group and Phillips Preiss are hereby appointed as Planners for the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the period listed above, subject to assignment of work and authorization to proceed with performance of services by the Borough Administrator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract is made pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment is subject to the execution of a formal written contract, if needed, between the Borough and the contractor and/or appointee and the adoption of said resolution shall not create an obligation on the part of the Borough to formally engage said contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 034-2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF FINANCIAL ADVISORS FOR BOND
ISSUANCE AND CONTINUING DISCLOSURE**

Effective Period: January 1 – December 31, 2025

Resolution Authorizing “Fair and Open” RFQ Process: Resolution 129-2024

Deadline for RFQ Submissions: November 20, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage a Financial Advisor for the purpose and period listed above, to provide professional services which are a vital and necessary operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is required to comply with New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council adopted the resolution listed above authorizing the acquisition of professional services utilizing a “Fair and Open” process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough followed all provisions of New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c. 19 N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.) and all related requirements issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, including advertising a “Request for Qualifications” (“RFQ”) at least 10 days in advance of the submission deadline listed above; and

WHEREAS, all RFQs received were publicly announced by the Borough Clerk on the deadline date immediately following the lapse of the deadline time; and

WHEREAS, the RFQs have been reviewed by the Borough Council who considered the professional’s qualifications, experience and reputation in the field, knowledge of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Phoenix Advisors is hereby appointed as Financial Advisor for Bond Issuance and Continuing Disclosure for the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the period listed above, subject to assignment of work and authorization to proceed with performance of services by the Borough Administrator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract is made pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment is subject to the execution of a formal written contract, if needed, between the Borough and the contractor and/or appointee and the adoption of said resolution shall not create an obligation on the part of the Borough to formally engage said contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

RESOLUTION NO: 035-2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER
Effective Period: January 1 – December 31, 2025
Resolution Authorizing “Fair and Open” RFQ Process: Resolution 129-2024
Deadline for RFQ Submissions: November 20, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage an Engineer for the purpose and period listed above, to provide professional services which are a vital and necessary operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is required to comply with New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council adopted the resolution listed above authorizing the acquisition of professional services utilizing a “Fair and Open” process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough followed all provisions of New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c. 19 N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.) and all related requirements issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, including advertising a “Request for Qualifications” (“RFQ”) at least 10 days in advance of the submission deadline listed above; and

WHEREAS, all RFQs received were publicly announced by the Borough Clerk on the deadline date immediately following the lapse of the deadline time; and

WHEREAS, the RFQs have been reviewed by the Borough Council who considered the professional’s qualifications, experience and reputation in the field, knowledge of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Mott MacDonald Engineering is hereby appointed as Environmental Engineer for the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the period listed above, subject to assignment of work and authorization to proceed with performance of services by the Borough Administrator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract is made pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment is subject to the execution of a formal written contract, if needed, between the Borough and the contractor and/or appointee and the adoption of said resolution shall not create an obligation on the part of the Borough to formally engage said contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

RESOLUTION NO: 036-2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECTS
Effective Period: January 1 – December 31, 2025
Resolution Authorizing “Fair and Open” RFQ Process: Resolution 129-2024
Deadline for RFQ Submissions: November 20, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to engage an Architect for the purpose and period listed above, to provide professional services which are a vital and necessary operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is required to comply with New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council adopted the resolution listed above authorizing the acquisition of professional services utilizing a “Fair and Open” process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough followed all provisions of New Jersey Law (P.L. 2004 c. 19 N.J.S.A. 19:44 et seq.) and all related requirements issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, including advertising a “Request for Qualifications” (“RFQ”) at least 10 days in advance of the submission deadline listed above; and

WHEREAS, all RFQs received were publicly announced by the Borough Clerk on the deadline date immediately following the lapse of the deadline time; and

WHEREAS, the RFQs have been reviewed by the Borough Council who considered the professional’s qualifications, experience and reputation in the field, knowledge of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Connolly & Hickey Historical Architects; and DiCara Rubino are hereby appointed as Architects for the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the period listed above, subject to assignment of work and authorization to proceed with performance of services by the Borough Administrator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract is made pursuant to a “Fair and Open” process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment is subject to the execution of a formal written contract, if needed, between the Borough and the contractor and/or appointee and the adoption of said resolution shall not create an obligation on the part of the Borough to formally engage said contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

RESOLUTION NO.: 037-2025
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A FORMAL POLICY FOR THE HOME DEPOT CREDIT ACCOUNT
STORE CARD

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge maintains a Home Depot Credit Account and store card for the convenience and efficiency of Borough business; and

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WHEREAS, the formal policy with respect to this credit account should be adopted on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, upon recommendation of the Borough Administrator and the CFO to authorize the formal store card policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- 1) Only authorized personnel are to have use of the Home Depot Store Card. Those individuals are as follows: The Department of Public Works Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Supervisor, Assistant Supervisor, Supervising Maintenance Repairer, Supervising Mechanic and the Fire Chief, 1st Assistant Fire Chief and 2nd Assistant Fire Chief.
- 2) Upon using the store card, the individual must take a hard copy of the Purchase Order to be signed by the store as well as enter a requisition into the Edmunds software for proper approvals.
- 3) After each purchase, the receipts and corresponding purchase order must be turned into the Finance Department for verification. Copies of these items will also be maintained in the department of the employee who made the purchase(s).
- 4) For material purchase(s), the Assistant Treasurer will verify the physical asset was purchased.

B. APPOINTMENTS: All Effective as of January 1, 2025
Nomination by the Mayor requiring advice and consent of the Borough Council,
unless otherwise noted

- a. **ADA Coordinator:**
Paul S. Barbire, Esq. 1-year term to 12/31/25
- b. **Assessment Searcher:**
Gina Affuso 1-year term to 12/31/25
- c. **Deputy Borough Clerk:**
Cathleen Calabro 1-year term to 12/31/25
- d. **C.E.P.A. Officer (Conscientious Employee Protection Act):**
Paul S. Barbire, Esq. 1-year term to 12/31/25
- e. **Chiropractor:**
Leonard V. Deleasa, D.C. 1-year term to 12/31/25
- f. **Office of Community Services:**
Catherine Cassidy – Coordinator 1-year term to 12/31/25
- g. **Office of Emergency Management:** Not applicable until 1/1/26
- h. **Emergency Management Council:**
Jerome A. Cala, Jr. – Public Member 1-year term to 12/31/25

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- i. **Historian:** 1-year terms to 12/31/25
Catherine Cassidy – Historian
Patricia Sloan – Deputy Historian
Dorothy Dobek – Assistant Historian

- j. **Municipal Court Judge:** 3-year term to 12/31/27
Giuseppe Randazzo, Esq.

- k. See Appointments and Resolutions Voted Separately

- l. See Appointments and Resolutions Voted Separately

- m. **Planning Board:** (Nominated by the Borough Council)
Michael Donato – Class III Member 1-year term to 12/31/25

- n. **Office of Property Maintenance:** 1-year terms to 12/31/25
William Wolfsohn - Code Enforcement Officer
Richard Pronti - Deputy Code Enforcement Officer
Thomas Bischoff, Jr. - Assistant Code Enforcement Officer

- o. **Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.):**
Paul S. Barbire, Esq. 1-year term to 12/31/25

- p. See Appointments and Resolutions Voted Separately

- q. **Office of Safety and Risk Management:**
William Wolfsohn – Coordinator 1-year term to 12/31/25

- r. See Appointments and Resolutions Voted Separately

- s. **Teterboro Aircraft Noise Abatement Advisory Committee:**
Designated Representatives of the Mayor and Council:
Gina Affuso 1-year term to 12/31/25

- t. **Assistant Treasurer:**
Kyle Wiedemann 1-year term to 12/31/25

- u. **Bureau of Vital Statistics:** Not applicable until 1/1/26

- v. **Zoning Officer:**
Richard Pronti 1-year term to 12/31/25

- w. **Fire Prevention Bureau (Licensed Inspectors):** 1-year terms to 12/31/25
John Kurz – Fire Official
Christopher Mazzocchi – Deputy Fire Official
Gilbert Ruiz - Inspector
Al Cirelli - Inspector
Thomas Bischoff, Jr. – Inspector

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x. Fire Department Officers:

1-year terms to 12/31/25

Kevin Cribben – Chief
Nicholas Meglio – 1st Assistant Chief
Michael Cribben – 2nd Assistant Chief
Liam Maloney – Captain
Mateusz Czwakiel – Lieutenant
Nicholas Fallon – Corresponding Secretary
Thomas Bischoff, Jr. - Recording Secretary
Ronald Phillips, Sr. - Treasurer

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

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

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

GOVERNING BODY REMARKS & PRESENTATIONS:

Council Statements:

Councilperson Altamura:

Father George, thank you for providing the invocation tonight. I would like to thank all the residents of Wood-Ridge who have placed their support for Rich and I by electing and re-electing us to borough council. Thank you to my running mate, Rich Wall, who put up with me during our campaign without a single complaint His temperament, honesty, grace and knowledge is truly a great benefit to the people of whom we serve. Thank you to the members of our Wood-Ridge council for all of your support during our campaign. Thank you to Chris Eilert for working with Rich and I, providing us with the tools necessary to run an effective campaign. A special Thank you to Mayor and state Senator Paul Sarlo for your leadership, commitment and support to the people of Wood-Ridge and to me personally these past 25 years. Wood-Ridge is privileged to have you as our mayor and representative in Trenton, always providing the borough of WoodRidge and your legislative district with the funds necessary to provide growth and opportunity for its residents.

I would like to thank Gina and the entire borough staff for their cooperation and hard work throughout the year. We have a wonderful team of dedicated hard-working professionals who support the people of Wood-Ridge and the entire council day to day.

Thank you to the men and women of our volunteer fire department, the volunteers who support all of our programs in town, our police officers and public works employees! There is no better in the state of New Jersey. Thank you to Gene Postaski, my mentor and family these past 25 years.

Thank you to my daughter Christina for all of your love and support throughout the years. You were 9 years old when I first joined the council! Time has passed so quickly!

Lastly, I would like to thank my beautiful wife Jane for all of her love and support. Jane understood that marrying me involved a lot of patience, understanding and attending many events. Jane had big shoes to fill. My friends and the residents of Wood-Ridge have learned for themselves the quality of a passionate, caring and loving person that Jane is. The person to whom my family welcomed with open arms. God has graced me with another great woman in my life and it is by no accident that he chose you to provide the me the support that is required by a partner to successfully serve the public. Thank you and I love you!

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I would be remiss if I didn't thank my parents, Saverio and Jean. They both emigrated from Italy in the 1930's with no command of the English language except for a commitment to hard work and to make a better life for themselves and their family. Mom and Dad, rest well knowing a job well done for your three children!

I pledge to continue to work for the betterment of our great community. It has been a journey that I cherish, and I look forward to my continued service to the people of Wood-Ridge. I wish everyone a healthy and happy new year! Thank you.

Councilperson Wall:

Thank you, Father George, for the invocation tonight. I am deeply humbled and honored by the residents and supporters of Wood-Ridge for electing me to serve on council. It is an incredible opportunity and it would not be possible without the faith you have placed in me and the shared vision for the future of our community. I promise to work tirelessly to represent you and the values that make Wood-Ridge a special place to live.

To my wife Regina and my children Alexis, Kaitlyn, Isobella, Jake and Shane, thank you for being there for me and a constant source of strength and inspiration. Your love and patience, particularly Regina with her patience, throughout this journey has meant the world to me. To my friends, thank you for standing by me, offering kind words, spreading encouragement throughout the campaign. Your belief in me has been a powerful motivator.

A heartfelt thank you to my running mate Ezio. Thank you for your partnership and dedication to the residents of Wood-Ridge. It has been an honor to stand along side you in this journey and I am excited about the work we will accomplish together in service to our community. To Senator and Mayor Paul Sarlo, fellow council members, Gina, Chris, thank you so much for your support throughout this campaign. I look forward to continuing our work and collaborating our initiatives in making Wood-Ridge a vibrant and thriving town. I also want to thank our Fire Department and Volunteers of all our Commissions. I know all the work that goes in to them. Thank you to Chief for the Police Department.

Once again, I want to thank every resident who took the time to vote and sharing your thoughts in engaging in this democratic process. Your voice matters and I am looking forward to representing you for the next 3 years.

Mayor Sarlo recognized Gene Postaski who was here tonight for all the years of service to the community. Gene will be turning 95 this year and has been with us every step of the way. He's an amazing person, he volunteers, he's been involved in this town in so many different ways, from President of the Little League to Chairman of the Democratic Party.

Mayor's Annual Address

Good evening everyone,

Happy New Year. My remarks tonight will be brief, but I assure you, that they will be heartfelt.

Let me begin by congratulating Councilman Rich Wall. Rich has served as a Councilmember since last year when he was appointed to complete the unexpired term of Councilman Ed Marino. Rich immediately dedicated himself to the responsibilities of being a Councilmember by involving himself in the committees to which he was assigned and attending as many town events as possible. Doing this came naturally to Rich in light of his extensive involvement in our community's recreation programs, public school district, Assumption Church and the Knights of Columbus. Now that Rich has been elected by the people of Wood-Ridge and has a full 3-year term ahead of him, I know that he will continue to serve our community with dedication and commitment.

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I also want to congratulate Councilman Ezio Altamura on being sworn into his 9th full term on the Council. Ezio was appointed to the Council in the Year 2000 to fill the remainder of my unexpired term on the Council which I had to vacate in order because I was elected Mayor. As the senior member of the Borough Council, Ezio has played an important leadership role for our community as a mentor to new members of the Council as well as to new members of our many boards and committees that run our town events and recreation programs. In everything that he does for our community, Ezio always exhibits enthusiasm, dedication and pride in Wood-Ridge. He also exhibits tremendous courtesy, compassion and concern for any resident who comes to him with a problem or an issue. It is not an exaggeration to say that Ezio is the hardest working Councilmember in New Jersey.

Ezio and Rich are part of what I firmly believe is the most dedicated, most professional, most caring and most responsive Governing Body in the State of New Jersey. Ezio, Dom, Phil, Michele, Mike and Rich wake up every day and go to bed every night thinking about Wood-Ridge and our residents. I thank you all for all that you do to make our community so special and so successful.

Thank you to my family and to all the families of our elected and appointed officials for supporting us and giving us the encouragement and ability to serve the people of Wood-Ridge.

I also want to thank our Borough Employees, Professionals and Volunteers who keep Wood-Ridge running like a well-oiled machine. Our town has never looked better, our facilities are state of the art, and our services and programs are the highest quality.

I want to thank the members of the Board of Education and the School District Administration for partnering with the Mayor and Council in advancing our school district. Our latest partnership, the Doyle School expansion project, is on schedule to be completed this summer and open in September.

Lastly and most importantly, thank You is to the residents of Wood-Ridge for supporting this administration and trusting us to lead our community. Rest assured, even if you disagree with us, that we always strive to do what we believe is right for our community. Our goals are to keep Wood-Ridge attractive and affordable, to keep our property values strong, to provide outstanding services, and to provide the highest quality of life possible to our residents. I truly believe that we have achieved these goals, which is why every year the voters of Wood-Ridge have supported the members of this administration.

I know I can speak for all the members of the Governing Body when I pledge to the people of Wood-Ridge that we will continue to work hard for you every day and will always strive to provide you with not just good government, but outstanding government.

Thank you and God Bless the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

Presentations

Councilperson Azzolini presented Councilpersons Altamura and Wall with a gift from the governing body.

Councilperson Azzolini:

I am honored and grateful to be a part of this great team. It continues to grow and get better each and every time new members are asked to participate. What we do here in Wood-Ridge is not done in any other town.

Councilperson Donato:

This Council is like a family and it is a pleasure to work with all of you. We work very hard for the town and it shows. I am very honored and proud to be part of this council and community.

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Councilperson Romero:

Congratulations Ezio, you are a mentor to all of us. Congratulations and welcome Rich. When Ed Marino left council and we were asked for suggestions on a replacement, the only name that came to my mind was Rich Wall. He is a fellow board member, has been involved in the community and will serve us well.

Councilperson Mabel:

Thank you for trusting me as Council President. 2024 was an amazing year with welcoming Rich, breaking ground on Doyle School and signing the beam. These are things I will never forget. But 2025 is going to be even better!

You heard every one up here talk about family. This council is really a family. We may disagree but we always come to an agreement because we know what is good for the town.

Mayor Sarlo recognized Chief O'Donnell, Brian Intindola of Neglia Engineering and the Fire Department who were present this evening.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

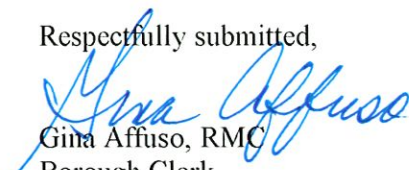
Mayor Sarlo declared the Hearing of Citizens to be open. With no citizens wishing to speak, the hearing of citizens was closed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Sarlo called for a Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Councilperson Azzolini, seconded by Councilperson Mabel moved for adjournment. By unanimous vote of the members of the Council present, the Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge held on January 7, 2025 was duly adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Gina Affuso, RMC
Borough Clerk