

MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING OF JANUARY 3, 2026

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Mayor Sarlo.

2. SUNSHINE NOTICE: The following Sunshine Notice was read by Administrator Eilert.

This meeting is being held in accordance with Public Law 1975 Chapter 231, the Open Public Meetings Act, also known as the “Sunshine Law”. The public meeting notice stating the date, time and place of this meeting was posted on the town’s bulletin board and website and was forwarded to The Record and TAPinto of Hasbrouck Heights/Wood-Ridge/Teterboro.

3. CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS: The following election results were read by Borough Clerk Affuso.

Announcement of results of November 4, 2025 Municipal Election.

- a. Michele Mabel elected to a full three-year term as Councilmember with a vote of 2,636.
- b. Michael Donato elected to a full three-year term as Councilmember with a vote of 2,645.

Mayor Sarlo now called upon Councilperson Altamura to escort Councilmembers Mabel and Donato to the Dais.

4. ROLL CALL:

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

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pled of Allegiance was led by Councilperson Azzolini

6. ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor Sarlo administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Michele Mabel. Councilperson Mabel’s husband Jay, and her sons, Nick, Lucas and Anthony accompanied her at the dais to hold the bible.

Mayor Sarlo administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Michael Donato Mabel. Councilperson Donato’s wife Kathy, their sons Nicholas and Michael, his future daughter in law Daniella, his mother Francis and his best friend Vinny accompanied him at the dais to hold the bible.

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Mayor Sarlo invited Congresswoman Nellie Pou to the dais to speak. Congresswoman Pou congratulated Councilpersons Mabel and Donato on their reappointment. She thanked Mayor Sarlo for his friendship and his longtime support in all her roles. She stated she will continue to support and defend our district and represent the communities to the best of her abilities.

Mayor Sarlo thanked Congresswoman Pou for all she has done to support our community, but most of all, to support the men and women in uniform who fight to defend our country.

Mayor Sarlo invited County Executive James Tedesco and County Commissioner Tracy Zur to the dais to present Councilpersons Mabel and Donato with a Certificate, coin and pin from the County. Mr. Tedesco thanked the residents for their support. We are part of 70 communities that work together to make up Bergen County.

Commissioner Zur expressed her gratitude to Councilpersons Mabel and Donato for the job they have done and knows they will do in the future.

Mayor Sarlo stated that our moto is “we can do it better” and we take great pride in the services we provide to our residents. We achieve this because of the great administrator and staff of all our employees. But we also call upon the County for many services and we are proud to work with them.

At this time a short recess was taken to allow for photos.

At 4:26 pm the meeting reconvened.

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

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

Motion: Councilmember Donato, seconded by Councilmember Wall to adopt the By-Laws.

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

8. SELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL:

Mayor Sarlo requests Members of the Council to select a President of the Council.

Motion: Councilmember Mabel, seconded by Councilmember Azzolini to nominate Councilmember **Romero** as Council President.

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

Oath of Office is administered to Philip Romero by Mayor Paul Sarlo. The bible was held by his wife Kellie.

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9. ADOPTION OF THE ROLL CALL OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL:

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

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

Motion: Councilmember Azzolini, seconded by Councilmember Romero to adopt the Roll Call.

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

10. NOMINATIONS OF STATUTORY OFFICERS: All Effective as of January 1, 2026

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

Motion: Councilmember Mabel, seconded by Councilmember Donato appointing CHRISTOPHER W. EILERT to the position of Borough Administrator.

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

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

Motion: Councilmember Romero, seconded by Councilmember Azzolini appointing PAUL S. BARBIRE to the position of Borough Attorney.

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

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

Motion: Councilmember Altamura, seconded by Councilmember Wall appointing MICHAEL J. NEGLIA to the position of Borough Engineer.

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

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11. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS:

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

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

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

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

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12. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS: All Effective as of January 1, 2026

Not requiring advice and consent of the Borough Council

a. Library Board of Trustees:

Dolores McAlinden - Member 5-year term to 12/31/30

Designated Alternate of the Mayor:
Catherine Cassidy - Member 1-year term to 12/31/26

Designated Alternate of the Superintendent of Schools:
Ryan Ann Guglielmotti - Member 1-year term to 12/31/26

b. Planning Board:

Richard Pronti - Class II Member 1-year term to 12/31/26

Anthony Iacovino – Class IV Member 4-year term to 12/31/29

Frank Finke – Class IV Member 4-year term to 12/31/29

Donald Conger – Alternate #2 Class IV Member 2-year term to 12/31/27

Christopher Musante – Alternate #4 Class IV Member 2-year term to 12/31/27

Designated Alternate of the Mayor:
Christopher W. Eilert – Class I Member 1-year term to 12/31/26

c. Board of Recreation:

TBD at Council Meeting on January 21, 2026

RESOLUTIONS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

- 006-2026 Appointment of Insurance Consultant. (Professional Insurance Associates, Inc.).
- 008-2026 Appointment of Risk Management Consultant and authorizing Mayor and Clerk to execute contract for services as per the terms set forth in the appointing resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof. (Professional Insurance Associates, Inc.).
- 009-2026 Appointment of Insurance Producer/Consultant for Bergen Municipal Employee Benefit Fund. (PIA Security Programs, Inc.).

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RESOLUTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS VOTED SEPARATELY:

**RESOLUTION NO.: 001-2026
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge have been advised of the proposed contract agreement with the Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the said Governing Body has been advised as to the merits of the proposed agreement by legal counsel and the Governing Body's Negotiation Committee; and

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, 2026 through December 31, 2026; 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.: 007-2026
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 2026.

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- k. **Municipal Court Prosecutor:** 1-year terms to 12/31/26
Ronald Dario, Esq. - Prosecutor
Kellie Reyes, Esq. - Alternate #1
Elsbeth Crusius, Esq. - Alternate #2

- p. **Public Hearing Official:** 1-year term to 12/31/26
Christopher W. Eilert

Councilperson Altamura requested a separate roll call for Resolutions 001-2026 and 007-2026 and Appointments k. and p. on Consent Agenda.

Motion: Councilperson Mabel, seconded by Donato moved to the adoption of Resolutions 001-2026 and 007-2026 and Appointments k. and p. with abstentions.

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

- l. **Municipal Court Public Defender:** 1-year terms to 12/31/26
John Bruno Jr., Esq. - Public Defender
Jonathan Bruno, Esq. - Alternate #1

Councilperson Azzolini requested a separate roll call for Appointments l. on Consent Agenda.

Motion: Councilperson Altamura, seconded by Wall moved to the adoption of Appointments l. with abstentions.

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 011-2026
RESOLUTION RATIFYING BOND FOR TAX COLLECTOR AND LIBRARY TREASURER

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Bond of the Tax Collector, Kellie Romero and the Library Treasurer, Dolores McAlinden of the Borough of Wood-Ridge be and the same are hereby ratified at \$1,000,000.00.

- r. **Tax Searcher:** 1-year term to 12/31/26
Kellie Romero

Councilperson Romero requested a separate roll call for Resolutions 011-2026 and Appointments r. on Consent Agenda.

Motion: Councilperson Mabel, seconded by Donato moved to the adoption of Resolutions 011-2026 and Appointments r. with abstentions.

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

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- x. **Fire Department Officers:** 1-year terms to 12/31/26
Nicholas Meglio - Chief
Michael Cribben - 1st Assistant Chief
Liam Maloney - 2nd Assistant Chief
Thomas H. Burniston - Captain
Mateusz Czwakiel - Lieutenant
Vincent Giordano - Lieutenant
Michael Donato - Lieutenant
Nicholas Fallon - Corresponding Secretary
Thomas Bischoff, Jr. - Recording Secretary
Ronald Phillips, Sr. - Treasurer

Councilperson Donato requested a separate roll call for Appointments x. on Consent Agenda.

Motion: Councilperson Wall, seconded by Mabel moved to the adoption of Appointments x. with abstentions.

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

13. 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.

A. RESOLUTIONS: Adoption of the following, All Effective as of January 1, 2026

**RESOLUTION NO.: 002-2026
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY
Effective Period: January 1 – December 31, 2026
Resolution Authorizing “Fair and Open” RFQ Process: Resolution 119-2025
Deadline for RFQ Submissions: November 28, 2025 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

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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 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 published as required by P.L. 2025 c.72.

RESOLUTION NO: 003-2026
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF ENGINEER
Effective Period: January 1 – December 31, 2026
Resolution Authorizing “Fair and Open” RFQ Process: Resolution 119-2025
Deadline for RFQ Submissions: November 28, 2025 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 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

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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 published as required by P.L. 2025 c.72.

RESOLUTION NO: 004-2026
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH AUDITOR
Effective Period: January 1 – December 31, 2026
Resolution Authorizing “Fair and Open” RFQ Process: Resolution 119-2025
Deadline for RFQ Submissions: November 28, 2025 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

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 published as required by P.L. 2025 c.72.

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RESOLUTION NO: 005-2026
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH APPRAISER
Effective Period: January 1 – December 31, 2026
Resolution Authorizing “Fair and Open” RFQ Process: Resolution 119-2025
Deadline for RFQ Submissions: November 28, 2025 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 published as required by P.L. 2025 c.72.

RESOLUTION NO.: 010-2026
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BANKS FOR 2026

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 2026.

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**RESOLUTION NO.: 012-2026
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 2026.

L. Cho	K. Cribben	T. Sarracino
C. Scarimbolo	L. Maloney	M. Czwakiel
T.H. Burniston	M. Donato	G. Ruiz
T.M. Burniston	D. O’Beirne	J. Gaige
T. Bischoff, Jr.	J. Hone	M. Cribben
F. Dressel V	N. Fallon	R. Cribben
P. Muccio	N. Riccio	V. Giordano
S. Sarracino	E. Vazquez	G. Gorab
R. Phillips	K. Schulz	N. Meglio
R. Phillip, Jr.	M. Maceri	D. Kronyak, Jr.
J. Berta	R. Greenough	David Potchoiba
N. Scarimbolo	K. Dominguez	
J. Hutchison	N. Altamura	

and 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; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be given to each firefighter hereinbefore designated as a driver.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 013-2026
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 2026; 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.

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**RESOLUTION NO.: 014-2026
RESOLUTION APPROVING PUBLICATION METHOD OF LEGAL NOTICES**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge wish to establish the method of publication for advertising legal notices pursuant to P.L. 2025 c.72;

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 method of publication for advertising legal notices for the year 2026 shall be as follows:

- (1) All legal notices of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, including its entities, boards, committees, officials, officers and employees, shall be published on the official website of the Borough of Wood-Ridge. The hyperlink of the website and public notice landing page is:

<https://www.njwoodridge.org/pages/public-notice>

- (2) Legal notices of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, including its entities, boards, committees, officials, officers and employees, may also be published on any Online News Publication or in any Print Newspaper, pursuant to P.L. 2025 c.72, designated as follows:

- a. The official Online News Publication of the Borough of Wood-Ridge shall be TAPinto of Hasbrouck Heights/Wood-Ridge/Teterboro.
- b. The official Print Newspaper of the Borough of Wood-Ridge shall be The Record (The Bergen Record) published by North Jersey Media of USA Today/Gannett.

- (3) Any corporation, individual, or any other entity that is not a public entity, that is required to publish or advertise a Legal Notice related to an application or matter pending with the Borough of Wood-Ridge, including its entities, boards, committees, officials, officers and employees, shall publish said Legal Notice pursuant to the requirements of P.L. 2025 c.72.

**NOTICE OF MEETING DATES FOR 2026
RESOLUTION 015-2026**

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 2026 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 3, 2026 - Reorganization Meeting at 4:00 pm
January 21, 2026
February 18, 2026
March 4, 2026 - Youth Government Night – meeting at 5:00 pm
March 18, 2026
April 15, 2026
May 6, 2026
May 20, 2026
June 17, 2026
July 15, 2026
August 19, 2026

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September 16, 2026
October 7, 2026
October 21, 2026
November 10, 2026
December 2, 2026
December 16, 2026

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be published as required by P.L. 2025 c.72.

RESOLUTION NO.: 016-2026
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.: 017-2026
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 2026:

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 \$750.00 Michael O’Donnell

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RESOLUTION NO. 018-2026

Resolution Re: Establishing Temporary Budget Appropriation for 2026

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, 2026, and

WHEREAS, said total temporary appropriations are limited to 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2026 Budget exclusive of any appropriations made for debt service, and capital improvement fund in the said 2026 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	35,000
Audit Services	25,000
Revenue Administration	
Salaries and Wages	40,000
Other Expenses	5,000
Tax Assessment Administration	
Salaries and Wages	7,500
Other Expenses	6,500
Legal Services and Costs	
Other Expenses	70,000
Engineering Services and Costs	
Other Expenses	30,000
Historical Sites Office	
Other Expenses	1,500

LAND USE ADMINISTRATION

Planning Board	
Salaries and Wages	2,500
Other Expenses	12,500

INSURANCE

General Liability Insurance	95,000
Workers Compensation	95,000
Employee Group Insurance	650,000

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PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTIONS

Police	
Salaries and Wages	1,600,000
Other Expenses	60,000
ADAC Program	1,500
Office of Emergency Management	
Salaries and Wages	17,500
Other Expenses	1,500
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	4,000
Municipal Prosecutor	
Other Expenses	10,000

PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS

Streets and Road Maintenance	
Salaries and Wages	475,000
Other Expenses	45,000
Sewer System Maintenance	
Other Expenses	30,000
Solid Waste Collection	
Recycling	
Other Expenses	50,000
Garbage and Trash Removal	450,000
Buildings and Grounds	
Other Expenses	85,000
Vehicle Maintenance	
Salaries and Wages	55,000
Other Expenses	45,000

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FUNCTIONS

Public Health Services (Board of Health)	
Salaries and Wages	5,000
Other Expenses	17,500

PARK AND RECREATION FUNCTIONS

Recreation Services and Programs	
Salaries and Wages	35,000
Other Expenses	50,000
Senior Citizen Organizations	5,000
Celebration of Public Events	
Other Expenses	45,000

MUNICIPAL COURT

Salaries and Wages	10,000
Other Expenses	32,500
Public Defender	
Salaries and Wages	2,500

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

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Construction Code Official	
Salaries and Wages	75,000
Other Expenses	10,000
UTILITY EXPENSES AND BULK PURCHASES	
Street Lighting	60,000
Telephone and Telegraph	65,000
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	37,500
Maintenance of Free Public Library	225,000
Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP)	
1,500	
Unemployment Insurance	3,500
Contribution to	
Social Security System	120,000
Subtotal Current Fund	5,639,500
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	
Capital Improvement Fund	250,000
MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE	
Principal on Bonds	975,000
Principal on Notes	200,000
Interest on Bonds	273,269
Interest on Notes	1,402,970
Total Current Fund	8,740,739

RESOLUTION NO.: 019-2026
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.: 020-2026
RESOLUTION ADOPTING EMPLOYEE MANUAL DATED OCTOBER 1, 2025

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

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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 October 1, 2025 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.: 021-2026
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 2026.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 022-2026
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.: 023-2026
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

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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: 024-2026
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.

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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

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- (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 mutual fund” and “local government investment pool” shall have the following definitions:

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

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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.

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- 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, 2026 to December 31, 2026. 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: 025-2026
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

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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: 026-2026
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.

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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: 027-2026

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 offsetting 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 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.

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RESOLUTION NO: 028-2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR BOND ISSUANCE

Effective Period: January 1 – December 31, 2026

Resolution Authorizing “Fair and Open” RFQ Process: Resolution 119-2025

Deadline for RFQ Submissions: November 28, 2025 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 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 published as required by P.L. 2025 c.72.

RESOLUTION NO: 029-2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR REDEVELOPMENT

Effective Period: January 1 – December 31, 2026

Resolution Authorizing “Fair and Open” RFQ Process: Resolution 119-2025

Deadline for RFQ Submissions: November 28, 2025 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

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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, 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 published as required by P.L. 2025 c.72.

RESOLUTION NO: 030-2026
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LAND USE
Effective Period: January 1 – December 31, 2026
Resolution Authorizing “Fair and Open” RFQ Process: Resolution 119-2025
Deadline for RFQ Submissions: November 28, 2025 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

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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 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

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 published as required by P.L. 2025 c.72.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 031-2026
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR TAX APPEALS
Effective Period: January 1 – December 31, 2026
Resolution Authorizing “Fair and Open” RFQ Process: Resolution 119-2025
Deadline for RFQ Submissions: November 28, 2025 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

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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 published as required by P.L. 2025 c.72.

RESOLUTION NO: 032-2026
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LITIGATION
Effective Period: January 1 – December 31, 2026
Resolution Authorizing “Fair and Open” RFQ Process: Resolution 119-2025
Deadline for RFQ Submissions: November 28, 2025 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, Aronsohn, Weiner, Salerno & Kaufman, PC, and Vazquez Heldman, LLC 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 published as required by P.L. 2025 c.72.

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**RESOLUTION NO: 033-2026
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH PLANNER
Effective Period: January 1 – December 31, 2026
Resolution Authorizing “Fair and Open” RFQ Process: Resolution 119-2025
Deadline for RFQ Submissions: November 28, 2025 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 published as required by P.L. 2025 c.72.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 034-2026
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF FINANCIAL ADVISORS FOR BOND
ISSUANCE AND CONTINUING DISCLOSURE
Effective Period: January 1 – December 31, 2026
Resolution Authorizing “Fair and Open” RFQ Process: Resolution 119-2025
Deadline for RFQ Submissions: November 28, 2025 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

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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 published as required by P.L. 2025 c.72.

RESOLUTION NO: 035-2026
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER
Effective Period: January 1 – December 31, 2026
Resolution Authorizing “Fair and Open” RFQ Process: Resolution 119-2025
Deadline for RFQ Submissions: November 28, 2025 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.

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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 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 published as required by P.L. 2025 c.72.

RESOLUTION NO: 036-2026
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING LIST OF QUALIFIED ARCHITECTURAL FIRMS
Effective Period: January 1 – December 31, 2026
Resolution Authorizing “Fair and Open” RFQ Process: Resolution 119-2025
Deadline for RFQ Submissions: November 28, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has a need to designate a list of qualified architectural firms 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 Acari & Iovino, DiCara Rubino, and DMR are hereby designated as qualified architectural firms for the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the period listed above, and shall be included on a list of qualified firms eligible to perform architectural services 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

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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 published as required by P.L. 2025 c.72.

RESOLUTION NO.: 037-2026
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

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, 2026

The following nominations by the Mayor requiring advice and consent of the Borough Council, unless otherwise noted were now read by Mayor Sarlo

- a. **ADA Coordinator:**
Paul S. Barbire, Esq. 1-year term to 12/31/26
- b. **Assessment Searcher:**
Gina Affuso 1-year term to 12/31/26
- c. **Deputy Borough Clerk:**
Cathleen Calabro 1-year term to 12/31/26
- d. **C.E.P.A. Officer (Conscientious Employee Protection Act):**
Paul S. Barbire, Esq. 1-year term to 12/31/26
- e. **Chiropractor:**
Leonard V. Deleasa, D.C. 1-year term to 12/31/26

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- f. **Office of Community Services:**
Catherine Cassidy – Coordinator 1-year term to 12/31/26

- g. **Office of Emergency Management:** 3-year term to 12/31/28
William Wolfsohn – Coordinator
Michael O’Donnell – Deputy Coordinator

- h. **Emergency Management Council:**
Jerome A. Cala, Jr. – Public Member 1-year term to 12/31/26

- i. **Historian:** 1-year terms to 12/31/26
Catherine Cassidy – Historian
Patricia Sloan – Deputy Historian
Dorothy Dobek – Assistant Historian

- j. **Municipal Court Judge:** Not Applicable until 12/31/27

- m. **Planning Board:** (Nominated by the Borough Council)
Michael Donato – Class III Member 1-year term to 12/31/26

- n. **Office of Property Maintenance:** 1-year terms to 12/31/26
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 12/31/26

- q. **Office of Safety and Risk Management:**
William Wolfsohn – Coordinator 1-year term to 12/31/26

- s. **Teterboro Aircraft Noise Abatement Advisory Committee:**
Designated Representatives of the Mayor and Council:
Gina Affuso 1-year term to 12/31/26

- t. **Assistant Treasurer:**
Kyle Wiedemann 1-year term to 12/31/26

- u. **Bureau of Vital Statistics:**
Gina Affuso - Registrar 3-year term to 12/31/28
Susan Schulz – Deputy Registrar 3-year term to 12/31/28
Cathleen Calabro – Alternate Registrar 3-year term to 12/31/28
Alyssa Spitaleri – Alternate Registrar 3-year term to 12/31/28

- v. **Zoning Officer:**
Richard Pronti 1-year term to 12/31/26

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- w. **Fire Prevention Bureau (Licensed Inspectors):** 1-year terms to 12/31/26
John Kurz – Fire Official
Christopher Mazzocchi – Deputy Fire Official
Gilbert Ruiz - Inspector
Thomas Bischoff, Jr. - Inspector

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion: Councilmember Azzolini, seconded by Romero moved to the adoption of all matters on the above **CONSENT AGENDA**.

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

14. GOVERNING BODY REMARKS & PRESENTATIONS:

Council Statements

Councilperson Donato:

Councilperson Donato thanked the Mayor and Council and Administrator Eilert for having the trust in him to serve. It is an honor and pleasure to serve on this council and the community. He wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

Councilperson Mabel:

Serving on this council for the past 3 years has been an honor. Thank you, residents of Wood-Ridge for reelecting me and Mike Donato - the best running mate I could ask for.

I want to thank my beautiful family... I could never do this without you! Balancing council, work, and 3 kids with busy schedules isn't easy. Public service requires time, energy, and commitment and you've embraced every part of this journey with me.

Jay, you patiently listen as I rehearse speeches a million times and you always believe in me. My boys - you show up, volunteer and attend every event with a smile, even when it's not convenient. It's your love and support that makes this all possible. I can't thank you enough!

To my fellow council members who have become an extended family...

We may have some lively debates and different opinions but we're all here for the same reason: to serve and make our community better. I am proud to be part of this team. Our leadership is unmatched. Running unopposed is a true testament to the strong foundation you have all built. It's rare to find a town where the police, fire department, recreation department and school board all collaborate and work together. This makes Wood-Ridge so special.

At our November meeting, a senior, longtime resident came to speak. She shared memories of Wood-Ridge years ago, spoke about the changes she's witnessed, and expressed how excited she was with the direction it is headed.

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Her gratitude reminded me that our work isn't just about today. Every decision we make shapes the lives of our children, our grandchildren, and the future of Wood-Ridge.

With this incredible team, I have no doubt that WR is on the right path and will continue moving forward. I look forward to serving this great community for the next three years and to leave a meaningful and lasting impact. Thank you

Mavor's Annual Address

Good afternoon, everyone,

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year in 2026.

Let me begin by congratulating Councilmembers Michelle Mabel and Mike Donato on their re-election to the Borough Council. Michelle and Mike and their families are truly part of the fabric of the Wood-Ridge community. Their involvement and service to our town touches many vital parts of Wood-Ridge including our recreation programs, our public schools, our public events, our first responders, and Assumption Church. Michele and Mike always show enthusiasm and dedication to serving the residents of Wood-Ridge and I thank them for their continued commitment to our town and its residents.

Michelle and Mike 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 our Borough Officials, Employees, and Volunteers who keep Wood-Ridge running like a well-oiled machine. Our town has never looked better, our parks and playgrounds are pristine, and our services and programs are the highest quality.

I also want to thank 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.

In a special way, I want to thank and acknowledge my family for the love and support you give me in serving our community. My wife Connie came to her first Wood-Ridge Reorganization Meeting over 25 years ago, when she was my Fiancé, to hold the bible when I was sworn into my second term as a Councilman. A few years later after we got married, we were blessed with Anthony and then Michael. I don't think Anthony and Michael have ever missed a Reorganization Meeting since the day they were born. I'm also very fortunate to have my Mom, Providence, and my Mother-in-Law, Anna, with us here today. They are wonderful Mothers and even better Grandmothers, and are truly the Matriarchs of our family.

The year 2025 was a year a tremendous accomplishment for Wood-Ridge. We completed the largest public works projects ever undertaken by our community – the expansion and renovation of Doyle Elementary School. We now have a modern and beautiful school to serve our students in grades Pre-K to 4. The expansion allows us to offer a Pre-K program, smaller class sizes for general education, more services for special education, and additional facilities for our recreation programs.

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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.

In 2026, I look forward to continuing the progress in Wood-Ridge. This Spring we will open the new combination Soccer and T-Balls fields at the Wood-Ridge Athletic Complex. This final phase of the WRAC will provide our youngest athletes with additional space for games and practices and will cement the WRAC's status as the finest municipal facility for youth sports in northern New Jersey.

I also look forward to New Jersey Transit continuing its plan to relocate its obsolete and flood-prone Maintenance Facility, which is located on Johnson Drive next to the WRAC, out of Wood-Ridge to a new state of the art facility in Clifton. Converting this blighted eyesore into open space is my top priority and I won't rest until it happens.

I also look forward to other eyesores in our community being transformed into new uses that will benefit our community. I hope to be able to make positive announcements regarding blighted properties on Valley Boulevard and Hackensack Street in the coming months.

We have achieved these accomplishments while continuing to practice fiscal responsibility as demonstrated by our AA bond rating and stable property taxes. We are committed to keeping Wood-Ridge affordable by running an efficient municipal government that delivers high quality services in a cost-efficient manner.

Making Wood-Ridge attractive and affordable, with strong property values, outstanding services, and a high quality of life has been my mission since the first day I became Mayor of this town where I was born and raised. It's not always easy – it takes a lot of thought, a lot of planning, a lot of hard work, and a lot of help from a lot of intelligent and talented people.

It also takes a lot of support from the Citizens of Wood-Ridge who place their trust and confidence in Me, and in the Councilmembers, and in our Appointed Officials, to do what's right for our community.

To the citizens of Wood-Ridge, thank you for giving us this support and thank you for giving us the privilege of serving you. We promise to never let you down, to never embarrass you, and to always make you proud to say that you live in Wood-Ridge!

Working together, we will keep Wood-Ridge on the Road to Progress.

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

Presentations

Councilperson Azzolini presented Councilpersons Mabel and Donato with a gift from the Mayor and Council to honor their reappointments.

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15. HEARING OF CITIZENS:

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

16. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Sarlo called for a Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Councilmember Donato, seconded by Councilmember 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 3, 2026 was duly adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Affuso, RMC
Borough Clerk