

Borough of Wood-Ridge Planning Board

Minutes of Re-Organization - January 6, 2026

Wood-Ridge Municipal Building Council Chamber

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Finke. Chairman Finke read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Attendance was as follows:

Class IV Members:	Chairman Frank Finke – present
	Vice Chair Kevin Trotter – excused
	Robert Ruhle – present
	Anthony Iacovino - present
	Christopher J. Inserra – present
	Omid S. Irani, Esq. – present
Class I Member (Mayor’s Alternate):	Borough Administrator Christopher Eilert–present
Class II Member:	Zoning Officer Richard Pronti – present
Class III Member:	Councilman Michael Donato – present
Class IV Alternate Members:	Anthony Sarlo (Alt #1)-present
	Donald Conger (Alternate #2) present
	Christian Leone (Alternate #3) present
	Christopher Musante (Alternate #4) present
Secretary:	Cathleen Calabro – present
Attorney:	Gerald Salerno, Esq. – excused
Engineer/Planner	Brian Intindola, PE, PP – excused

Mayor Paul Sarlo administered the oath of office to the newly appointed members.

Christopher Eilert	Class I Member (Mayor’s Alternate)	1-year term to 12/31/26
Richard Pronti	Class II Member	1-year term to 12/31/26
Michael Donato	Class III Member	1-year term to 12/31/26
Frank Finke	Class IV Member	4-year term to 12/31/29
Anthony Iacovino	Class IV Member	4-year term to 12/31/29
Donald Conger	Class IV Alternate #2 Member	2-year term to 12/31/27
Christopher Musante	Class IV Alternate #4 Member	2-year term to 12/31/27

Mayor Sarlo stated to the board that the Planning Board is the most important board in a community, and that the decisions they make not only shape what community looks like, but for the future as well. Mayor Sarlo thanked the board for their service.

Member Eilert made the Nominations for Planning Board positions:

Nomination of **Frank Finke** as Chairman of the Planning Board was approved on a motion by Eilert second by Donato and a roll call of all members present voting yes.

Nomination of **Kevin Trotter** as Vice Chairman of the Planning Board was approved on a motion by Eilert second by Donato and a roll call of all members present voting yes.

Nomination of **Cathleen Calabro** as Recording Secretary of the Planning Board was approved on a motion by Eilert second by Donato and a roll call of all members present voting yes.

Nomination of **Kellie Romero** as Financial Secretary of the Planning Board was approved on a motion by Eilert second by Donato and a roll call of all members present voting yes.

Nomination of **Gerald Salerno** as Board Attorney of the Planning Board was approved on a motion by Eilert second by Donato and a roll call of all members present voting yes.

Nomination of **Neglia Group** as Board Engineer of the Planning Board was approved on a motion by Eilert second by Donato and a roll call of all members present voting yes.

Nomination of **Neglia Group and Phillips Preiss Grygiel LLC** as Planning Consultants of the Planning Board was approved on a motion by Eilert second by Donato and a roll call of all members present voting yes.

#### **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 the Board Members, that particular item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

#### **RESOLUTIONS:** Adoption of the following

Resolution 2026-1BR Designate Newspapers  
Resolution 2026-2BR Meeting dates 2026  
Resolution 2026-3BR Appointment of Board Attorney  
Resolution 2026-4BR Appointment of Board Engineer  
Resolution 2026-5BR Appointment of Board Planners

Board member Eilert, second by Inserra moved to the adoption of all matters on the above **Consent Agenda** and a roll call of all members present voting yes.

Under New Business the following was approved:

The minutes of the **December 2, 2025** meeting were approved on a motion by Eilert second by Ruhle and a roll call of all members present and eligible to vote, voting yes except Inserra, Irani, Pronti, Donato, Finke, and Musante who abstained.

New Business: NONE

**Chairman Finke** declared the hearing of citizens to be open. With no one wishing to be heard, Chairman Finke declared the Hearing of Citizens closed.

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2026.

With no other business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Submitted by:

 

Cathleen Calabro, Planning Board Secretary

Date