CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Sarlo called the Borough of Wood-Ridge Council meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: was led by Councilperson Azzolini

ROLL CALL: was read by Administrator Eilert

Mayor:	Paul Sarlo - present
Council President:	Philip Romero - present
Council:	Ezio Altamura - present
	Dominick Azzolini - present
	Michele Mabel - 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

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT: was read by Administrator Eilert

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT:

This meeting is being held in accordance with Public Law 1975 Chapter 231, the Open Public Meetings Act, also known as the "Sunshine Law". The public meeting notice stating the date, time and place of this meeting was posted on the town bulletin board and the town website and was forwarded to the Record and TAPinto.

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None

ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING:

None

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE:

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-9

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 513-58, SCHEDULE XVI - SCHEDULE OF TIME LIMIT PARKING, AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 513-20, ENTITLED TIME LIMIT PARKING

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, New Jersey, that Chapter 513-58, Schedule XVI - Schedule of Time Limit Parking, as authorized by Chapter 513-20, entitled Time Limit Parking, is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. The following street section is hereby added to the Schedule contained in Chapter §513-58 as listed below:

Name of Street:	Valley Boulevard
Side:	Both
Time Limit; Hours/Days:	2 hours; 9:00am to 9:00pm
Location:	From Columbia Boulevard to Highland Avenue

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. If any part, sections, provisions, or the total of any of the abovementioned publications are held to be invalid or unenforceable by any court, the findings or judgments of which court are applicable in the State of New Jersey, that the balance and remainder of such publication shall remain in full force and effect as an Ordinance of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption and publication according to law.

Advertisement of the above Ordinance has been made according to law and a copy of the Ordinance was posted on the bulletin board.

Mayor Sarlo called for a Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2026-9

Mayor Sarlo closed Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2026-9

Motion: Councilperson Altamura, seconded by Donato moved to the adoption of Ordinance #2026-9

Discussion: Administrator Eilert explained this ordinance brings one block of Valley Boulevard in compliance with the others of Valley Boulevard in reference to time limit parking.

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

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ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

BOND ORINANCE 2026-10

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $2,000,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Borough of Wood-Ridge, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the "Borough") is hereby authorized to make the following public improvements and acquisitions in, by and for the Borough, including all work, materials, equipment and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor: (A) improvements to public buildings and property, including, but not limited to, upgrading of computer, communication and security systems; and (B) acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, for the use of various Borough departments, offices and agencies.

Section 2. The sum of $2,000,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said purpose is not a current expense of the Borough, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of the Borough pursuant to the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law") and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is $2,000,000, and (4) $100,000 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is $1,900,000, and (6) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of $200,000, which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding $100,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for the Borough, are now available to finance said purpose. The sum of $100,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bonds of the Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding $1,900,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 6. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of the Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding $1,900,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 7. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance, shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of the Borough and attested by the Borough Clerk or Deputy Borough Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance, and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of five years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 9. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk of the Borough, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of the Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by $1,900,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 10. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Bergen, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purpose shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 11. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 12. The Borough intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Section 1 of this bond ordinance. If the Borough incurs such costs prior to the issuance of such bonds or notes, the Borough hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 13. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 14. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that **Bond Ordinance No. 2026-10 as** above, be passed on first reading, to be published according to law and public hearing on the Ordinance to be held at the Regular Meeting on October 20, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. or soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, in the Municipal Building, 85 Humboldt Street, Wood-Ridge, New Jersey.

Motion: Councilperson Altamura, seconded by Mabel moved to the adoption of **Bond Ordinance No. 2026-10**

Discussion: Administrator Eilert explained this is our annual bond ordinance that covers various equipment purchased during the year. The major component of this covers the final stages of the upgrade to our communications and technology equipment.

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

PETITIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications and correspondence received are identified on this evening's agenda has been distributed to all Council for appropriate action.

REPORTS OF GOVERNING BODY:
Chairs of Council Committees and Council Liaisons to Boards, Commissions, Committees & Constituencies

Council President Romero
During the month of September 2026, the Wood-Ridge Fire Department responded to 32 alarms of fire and 3 mutual aid alarms for a total of 283 hours of service. The Wood-Ridge Fire Department also expended the following additional hours of service: Department training: 97 hours, Equipment Maintenance: 100 hours, Misc. / Special Duties: 121 hours, Subtotal: 318 hours, Fire Calls: 283 hours, Total: 601 hours.

Sunday is the fire department rides. Please bring your children to enjoy and learn about fire safety.

Councilperson Altamura
Will be presented at the October 20th meeting.

Councilperson Azzolini
No Report

Councilperson Mabel
Fire Inspection was this Saturday. They did a great job.

Councilperson Donato
Councilperson Donato thanked the DPW, Police and Fire Departments for their work on the 9-11 Memorial Service.

Councilperson Wall – no report
No Report

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Administrator Eilert – We are working on sidewalk repairs throughout the borough. Next week paving will begin on the west side of town. There will be streets done this fall and then another round in the spring.
Borough Clerk Affuso - No Report
Attorney Barbire - Progress
Engineer Neglia - No Report

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS: If any, on file in clerk's office

FIRST HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Mayor Sarlo declared the Hearing of Citizens to be open.

Patrick DiRomo of 115 Truman Drive expressed his concerns with speeding in the Wesmont neighborhood and offered suggestions to help alleviate some issues. Administrator Eilert stated he appreciates his suggestions and would discuss them with the Borough Engineer.

David Segal of 25 Hill Street voiced his concerns for parking on Hill Street making the street too narrow. Administrator Eilert stated he is aware of his issues from their discussion earlier. The borough will look into different things that can address the issues.

Patur Sreechara of 2 Leahy Drive expressed his concerns about the area of Marshall Lane and Truman Drive being unsafe due to neighborhood growth and traffic volume. He offered some suggestions on lessening traffic. Administrator Eilert explained the street network in Wesmont was designed to deter speeding and cut-through traffic. He stated he appreciates his suggestions and would discuss them with the Borough Engineer. Administrator Eilert also pointed out that some of the suggestions made by Mr. Sreechara are the opposite of the suggestions requested by Mr. DiRomo, i.e. narrow vs wide streets and one-way vs two-way streets. He stated that every change that makes one person happy has the potential to make another person unhappy with the change.

Antonio Surace of 74 8th Street presented council with a plaqued photo he found of the VFW Post from 1957. Mayor Sarlo stated we would get this to the Historical Society. Mr. Surace handed Councilperson Romero a letter he wrote to the police department regarding rocks being thrown on his property from the Little League Field. Councilman Romero stated he would look into possible solutions.

With no other citizens wishing to speak, the hearing of citizens was closed.

RESOLUTIONS VOTED SEPARATELY:

RESOLUTION NO.: 125-2026
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARK A. TORSIELLO, DAVID MARCHITELLI, ROBERTO F. CANGIALOSI, MICHAEL D. DONATO, AND TIMOTHY E. JANZ AS POLICE SERGEANTS

WHEREAS, the Wood-Ridge Police Department ("Department") is in need of five Sergeants in accordance with Chapter 114 of the Wood-Ridge Code; and

WHEREAS, a New Jersey Civil Service Commission Certification List No. 2621151 ("Certification List") dated August 10, 2026 lists eight candidates for promotion; and

WHEREAS, the candidate ranked as Number 2 on said Certification List has retired from the Department and is therefore not eligible for promotion, leaving seven candidates to be considered for promotion; and

WHEREAS, an Evaluation Panel consisting of the Administrator, the Police Chief, and the Police Captains ("Panel") has conducted interviews with the candidates and also reviewed their qualifications, experience, performance, and service records; and

WHEREAS, the Panel has judged five candidates to be the most qualified for promotion in consideration of their performance in interviews, respective qualifications, and their work experience, performance, and records; and

WHEREAS, in the case of evaluating the two candidates both ranked as Number 6 (tied) on the Certification List, the Panel has judged the candidate included in the Recommendation List below to be the most qualified of the two candidates in consideration of his superior interview performance and more extensive training and experience including longer service as a Police Officer and certified Field Training Officer, earning Membership on the Regional SWAT Team, and obtaining certification as an Instructor for NEO, LEAD, ASP, Fire Arms, Defensive Tactics, and POTR Active Shooter/De-escalation; and

WHEREAS, the Panel hereby recommends to the Mayor and Council five candidates for promotion to the rank of Sergeant in order as listed below:

1. Mark A. Torsiello — Civil Service Rank #1
2. David Marchitelli — Civil Service Rank #3
3. Roberto F. Cangialosi — Civil Service Rank #4
4. Michael D. Donato — Civil Service Rank #5
5. Timothy E. Janz — Civil Service Rank #6 (tied)

WHEREAS, the within appointments are being made in accordance with the several rules and/or regulations of the Civil Service Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that Mark A. Torsiello, David Marchitelli, Roberto F. Cangialosi, Michael D. Donato, and Timothy E. Janz are hereby appointed, in order as listed in the Recommendation List above, as Sergeants in the Borough of Wood-Ridge Police Department effective November 1, 2026 with compensation determined as per the negotiated agreement with the PBA Supervising Officer's Association Local 313.

Councilperson Donato requested a separate roll call for Resolution 125-2026.

Motion: Councilperson Azzolini, seconded by Romero Donato moved to the adoption of Resolution 125-2026 with abstentions.

Roll Call: Romero yes, Altamura abstain, Azzolini yes, Mabel excused, Donato 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 Council, that particular item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the September 16, 2026 Meeting.

RESOLUTIONS: Adoption of the following

RESOLUTION NO.: 120-2026
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR 2027 REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION OF PROFESSIONALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-To-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44a-20.4 et seq., the Mayor and Council may decide to use a "fair and Open Process" in awarding certain professional service contracts for which public bidding is not required by the Local Public contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7, the Mayor and Council's decision as to what constitutes a fair and open process if final.

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 the Borough of Wood-Ridge shall use as its Fair and Open Process criteria in 2027 the Request of Qualification criteria on file with the Borough Clerk, the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

I. Notice of Request for Qualifications Statements

The Borough of Wood-Ridge ("Borough") is soliciting Qualifications Statements from interested persons and/or firms for the awarding of 2027 contracts for the provision of the services listed below, by a Request for Qualifications process ("RFQ"). Individual persons and/or firms interested in assisting the Borough with the provisions of these services must prepare and submit a Qualifications Statement in accordance with the procedure and schedule in the RFQ. The Borough will review Qualifications Statements only from those persons or firms that submit a Qualifications Statement that includes substantially all the information required to be included as described, in the sole judgment of the Borough's Mayor and Council.

The Borough intends to qualify person(s) and/or firms(s) that (a) possess(es) the professional, financial and administrative familiarity with the Borough, experience, training and capabilities to provide the proposed services, and (b) agrees and meets the terms and conditions determined by the Borough that provide the greatest benefit to the taxpayers of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

The selections of qualified respondents are not subject to the public bidding or competitive contracting provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. The selection is, however, subject to the fair and open process authorized by the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-To-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. The Borough has structured a procurement process that seeks to obtain the desired results, while establishing a competitive process to assure that each person and/or firm is provided an equal opportunity to submit a Qualifications Statement in response to the RFQ.

Qualifications Statements must be submitted to and be received by Gina Affuso, Borough Clerk, at the Office of the Borough Clerk, 85 Humboldt Street, Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075 on or before 10:00 a.m. on December 2, 2026. Qualification Statements will **not** be accepted by facsimile transmission or e-mail. The responses will be opened at 11:00 a.m. on December 2, 2026, in the Office of the Borough Clerk for review by the Mayor and Council.

CONTRACTS SUBJECT TO THE WITHIN NOTICE:

1. Borough Attorney
2. Special Counsel for Tax Appeals
3. Special Counsel for Redevelopment & Land Use
4. Special Counsel for Litigation
5. Special Counsel for Bond Issuance
6. Financial Advisor for Bond Issuance
7. Borough Auditor
8. Borough Engineer
9. Borough Environmental Engineer
10. Borough Risk Manager
11. Borough Planner
12. Borough Appraiser
13. Public Defender
14. Alternate Public Defender
15. Prosecutor
16. Alternate Prosecutor
17. Architect (also responsible for historic preservation projects)
18. Land Use Board Attorney
19. Land Use Board Engineer
20. Land Use Board Planner

II. Instructions for Qualifications Statements and Criteria

Qualifications Statements must be submitted in the manner designed in these instructions, and must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name, address and telephone number of the person and/or firm submitting the statement and the name of the work on the outside, addressed to the Borough. (**Submission of only one copy is necessary**).

Qualifications Statements shall demonstrate the following:

A. Experience and reputation of the person/firm in the field;
B. Training and licensing of the person/firm;
C. Availability to accommodate the needs of the Borough's meeting schedule; and
D. Knowledge of the Borough's needs and history and the subject matter to be addressed under the contract.
E. 2027 Fee Schedule.

The Borough's Mayor and Council reserve the right to select qualified contractors in their sole discretion, which shall be exercised in accordance with their sole judgment as to the public interest. Those responding to the RFQ are required to comply with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27-1 et seq. if applicable.

RESOLUTION NO.: 121-2026
RESOLUTION APPROVING 100% DISABLE VETERAN TAX EXEMPTION FOR BLOCK 303 LOT 16

WHEREAS THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL of the Borough of Wood-Ridge have been informed by the Tax Collector of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, that Block 303 Lot 16 has filed an application for a **100% Disabled Veteran** exemption thru the Tax Assessor's Office for the year **2026**; and

WHEREAS the Tax Assessor has certified to the Mayor and Council that taxes should be canceled and refunded from 08/28/2026:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel taxes for Block 303 Lot 16 for the prorated portion of property taxes in 2026 based upon the letter from the Assessor dated 9/29/26 in the amount of $930.56 for 3rd quarter of 2026 and 4th will be cancelled, and the book and records of the Tax Collector will so be marked, as required by law.

RESOLUTION NO. 122-2026
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FOR PUBLIC AUCTION WITH GOVDEALS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge has determined that certain personal property as described on the attached schedule is no longer needed for public purpose; and

WHEREAS, various services conduct auctions for such purpose from time to time; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 requires that all such personal property be sold at public sale to the highest bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The attached schedule of Borough property is hereby declared to be surplus and no longer needed for public purposes; and
2. The Borough will auction said surplus at the first available auction conducted by GovDeals; and
3. The Borough reserves the right to reject any and all bids if it determines such rejection to be in the public interest;
4. Successful bidders shall be responsible for removing any vehicles and/or equipment within 48 hours of the public auction. All items are sold "as is" and all sales are final.

Schedule of Vehicles and equipment to be listed for auction:

1. Car 31 - Chevy Tahoe - Vin# 1GNSKDEC0KR193348
2. Car 60 - Ford F-250 - Vin# 1FTBF2B69BEA95880
3. Car 67 - Chevy Tahoe - Vin# 1GNSK2EC2FR685616

RESOLUTION NO.: 123-2026
RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO PREPARE THE WATERSHED ASSESSMENT REPORT AS REQUIRED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey ("**Borough**") has a need for Engineering Services to prepare the Watershed Assessment Report as required by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("**Services**") and has received a proposal to perform said Services dated 9-28-26 ("**Proposal**") from Neglia Group ("**Contractor**"), the Borough Engineer, and desires to enter into a Contract with said Contractor for said Services as detailed in said Proposal; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of said Contract shall be in accordance with the dictates of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, pursuant to which Contractor responded to the Borough's Request for Qualifications authorized by Resolution 119-2025 and was appointed Borough Engineer via a "Fair and Open" process by Resolution 003-2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has determined and certified in writing that the value of total services will exceed $17,500 and funds are subject to an appropriation by the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Contractor has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Contractor has not made any reportable contributions to a candidate committee in the Borough of Wood-Ridge in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Contractor from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:111 et seq.) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the Contract itself must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Wood-Ridge as follows:

1. The Borough Attorney is authorized and directed to prepare a Contract pursuant to this Resolution.
2. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to enter into said Contract with the Contractor for the Services for an amount not to exceed is **$67,400.00** subject to the terms, conditions, and specifications of the Proposal and the Contract, both of which shall be incorporated and made a part of this Resolution as Exhibits thereof.
3. This Contract is awarded pursuant to a "Fair and Open" process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, and without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services are to be performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
4. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this Resolution
5. A Notice of this action shall be published according to law.

RESOLUTION NO.: 124-2026
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND FOR OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES FOR BLOCK 335 LOT 1.0113

WHEREAS, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL of the Borough of Wood-Ridge have been informed by the Tax Collector of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that an overpayment of taxes was made by Rahul Khanna on Block 335 Lot 1.0113 for property located at 247 Bradley Drive in the amount of $4252.84 for 2026 3rd quarter and;

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is requesting the refund be returned to Rahul Khanna at 247 Bradley Drive, Wood Ridge, NJ 07075 and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to refund the total of $4252.84 for overpayment of taxes and be further authorized to adjust the books and records of the Tax Office as required by law.

RESOLUTION NO.: 126-2026

RESOLUTION AWARDING BID TO SMITH-SONDY ASPHALT CONSTRUCTION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VALLEY BOULEVARD BUSINESS DISTRICT PARKING AMENITIES

WHEREAS, **two (2)** bids were received by the Wood-Ridge Municipal Clerk on **September 30, 2026** for **Construction of Valley Boulevard Business District Parking Amenities** ("**Improvements**") according to plans, specifications, and bid notice prepared by the Borough Engineer and issued by the Borough ("**Requirements**"); and

WHEREAS, the bid submission of Smith **Sondy Asphalt Construction** ("**Contractor**") in the amount of **$377,405.12** ("**Bid Price**") was found to be responsible and responsive to the Requirements and was the lowest priced bid submitted; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has reviewed the recommendations made by the Borough Administrator, Borough Engineer, and Borough Attorney on said bid; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined sufficient funds are available in the Capital Account as is evidenced by Treasurer's Certification attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that a Contract for said Improvements be awarded to said Contractor in the amount of its said Bid Price.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract for same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to return the certified checks or bid bonds of the following unsuccessful bidders:

NONE

and the certified checks or bid bonds of the successful bidder and the next lowest bidder:

Smith Sondy Asphalt Construction
AA Berms, LLC

are to be returned upon the receipt of a fully executed contract and other required documents.

RESOLUTION NO.: 127-2026
RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE VALLEY BOULEVARD BUSINESS DISTRICT PARKING AMENITIES PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey ("**Borough**") has a need for Construction Management Services for the Valley Boulevard Business District Parking Amenities ("**Services**") and has received a proposal to perform said Services dated 10-1-26 ("**Proposal**") from Neglia Group ("**Contractor**"), the Borough Engineer, and desires to enter into a Contract with said Contractor for said Services as detailed in said Proposal; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of said Contract shall be in accordance with the dictates of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, pursuant to which Contractor responded to the Borough's Request for Qualifications authorized by Resolution 119-2025 and was appointed Borough Engineer via a "Fair and Open" process by Resolution 003-2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has determined and certified in writing that the value of total services will exceed $17,500 and funds are subject to an appropriation by the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Contractor has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Contractor has not made any reportable contributions to a candidate committee in the Borough of Wood-Ridge in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Contractor from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:111 et seq.) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the Contract itself must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Wood-Ridge as follows:

1. The Borough Attorney is authorized and directed to prepare a Contract pursuant to this Resolution.
2. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to enter into said Contract with the Contractor for the Services for an amount not to exceed is **$45,900.00** subject to the terms, conditions, and specifications of the Proposal and the Contract, both of which shall be incorporated and made a part of this Resolution as Exhibits thereof.
3. This Contract is awarded pursuant to a "Fair and Open" process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, and without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services are to be performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
4. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this Resolution

5. A Notice of this action shall be published according to law.

RESOLUTION NO.: 128-2026
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH EVERBRIDGE (NIXLE) TO PROVIDE NOTIFICATION SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wood-Ridge wishes to continue to provide an automated telephone alerting system available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and all days per year to residents of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has been satisfied that service provided by Nixle, an Everbridge Company and the service provided is a reasonable cost.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk of the Borough of Wood-Ridge are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Quotation with Nixle, an Everbridge Company with principal offices located at 500 N. Brand Blvd, Suite 1000, Glendale, CA 91203 for said notification services. The contract shall be for one (1) year beginning December 31, 2026 and ending on December 30, 2027. The cost of said service shall be $4,060.89.

2. This contract is awarded pursuant to appropriate Law of the State of New Jersey specifically but not by way of limitation, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq. as well as any other pertinent statutes appertaining thereto.

3. If applicable a Certificate of Availability of Funds pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57 has been certified to by the Chief Finance Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

4. Funds are subject to an appropriation by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge and will be provided by the local finance office when appropriated.

APPLICATIONS:

a. Handicap Parking Space at 311 Eleanor Drive.

APPOINTMENTS:

None

HIRINGS:

a. Police Sergeant Promotions – See Resolution 125-2026

Motion: Councilperson Altamura, seconded by Mabel 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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

2026 Best Practices Inventory – Administrator Eilert stated the Borough received a very high score as usual. We scored a 45 out of a possible 48 which means no state aid is withheld.

SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Altamura, seconded by Councilperson Wall moved for adjournment. By unanimous vote of the members of the Council present, the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge held on October 7, 2026 was duly adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Affuso, RMC
Borough Clerk