

**BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
November 18, 2013
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Notice of this meeting, in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Law, 1975, C. "231", has been posted, and two newspapers, The Record and The Ridgewood News, have been notified.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Jeffrey Goldsmith asked for a roll call. Council members Abene, Bae, Bloom, and Gadaleta were present. Councilman Bader and Councilman Rosenblatt were absent. Marc Leibman was present for Borough Attorney Paul Kaufman as well as Interim Administrator Thomas Richards.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by James Anzevino.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review tax assessment/revaluation in the Borough (to the extent that this discussion affects pending appeals, such discussion will be in closed session)

RESOLUTION NO. 13-171
RESOLUTION APPOINTING JAMES ANZEVINO AS JOINT TAX ASSESSOR FOR
THE BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE

WHEREAS, the Shared Services Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et. seq., permits municipalities to enter into agreements for the shared provision of services which a municipality is "empowered to provide or receive within its own jurisdiction"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-146, the governing body of a municipality shall provide for the appointment of a tax assessor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-146, any such tax assessor duties may be fulfilled by the sharing of a tax assessor with another municipality or municipalities under a shared service agreement entered into pursuant to and subject to the provisions N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. seq.,; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution dated June 17, 2013 the Borough of Woodcliff Lake authorized the Mayor to execute an interlocal services agreement with Borough of Paramus to provide the Borough of Woodcliff Lake with Tax Assessor services effective July 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2013, the Mayor did execute an interlocal services agreement with the Borough of Paramus to provide the Borough of Woodcliff Lake with tax assessor services nunc pro tunc and effective July 1, 2013 (the "Interlocal Services Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake is desirous of designating a Tax Assessor pursuant to the above recited statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Woodcliff Lake Tax Assessor is hereby designated as James Anzevino, effective July 1, 2013 nunc pro tunc, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Interlocal Services Agreement and subject to the provisions of the Shared Services Act N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. seq. and office and position of tax assessor as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:9-141 et. seq.;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that James Anzevino shall serve as the Borough Tax Assessor for so long as the Interlocal Services Agreement remains in effect and in the event the Interlocal Services Agreement terminates, the appointment of James Anzevino as Borough of Woodcliff Lake Tax Assessor shall automatically terminate.

ROLL CALL:

Introduce: Mrs. Abene
Second: Mrs. Gadaleta
Ayes: Mrs. Abene, Mrs. Bae, Mr. Bloom, Mrs. Gadaleta
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Bader, Mr. Rosenblatt

OPEN TO PUBLIC

The floor was open to the public regarding Resolution No. 13-171, Resolution Appointing James Anzevino as Joint Tax Assessor for the Borough of Woodcliff Lake.

Joseph LaPaglia, Woodcliff Lake, asked what happens if the prior tax assessor is successful in

her lawsuit.

Steve Muhlstock explained that you cannot have 2 tax assessors. Everything depends on how the Court rules. This appointment might be voided or it might not, but there many different scenarios on how a Judge might take on this case.

Joseph LaPaglia, Woodcliff Lake, stated that he was concerned for financial reasons.

Motion to close to the public was made by Councilwoman Gadaleta, seconded by Councilwoman Abene and approved unanimously by voice call vote.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Review tax assessment/revaluation process effect on pending tax appeals
2. Potential litigation regarding Matrix Montvale, Park Ridge and Woodcliff Lake Police Study invoice

RESOLUTION NO. 13-170

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HOLDING OF CLOSED SESSION AT THE NOVEMBER 18, 2013 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b), may meet in closed session; and

WHEREAS, the following are the subject matters to be discussed in closed session:

1. Review tax assessment/revaluation in the Borough of Woodcliff Lake; and its impact on pending and potential litigation; and
2. Review the Park Ridge, Montvale, and Woodcliff Lake Police Study and potential litigation regarding same.

WHEREAS, these Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the aforementioned no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

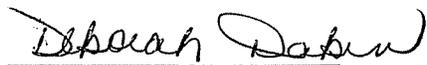
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council may take formal action at the Special Meeting on any item on the agenda.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake, be and the same, is hereby authorized and directed to meet in closed session at the Special Meeting of November 18, 2013.

ROLL CALL

Introduce: Councilman Bloom
Second: Councilwoman Abene
Ayes: Councilwoman Abene, Councilwoman Bae, Councilman Bloom, Councilwoman
Gadaleta
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilman Bader, Councilman Rosenblatt

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah Dakin
Deputy Borough Clerk