



**BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
WORK SESSION
March 25, 2014
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Notice of this meeting, in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Law, 1975, C. "231", was posted at the Borough Hall on March 20, 2014, and two newspapers, The Record and The Ridgewood News, were notified on March 20, 2014.

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 5:45 PM. Mayor Goldsmith asked for a roll call. Council members Abene, Belgiovine, Gadaleta and Rendo were present. Councilman Bloom and Councilman Rosenblatt were absent. Marc Leibman was present for Borough Attorney Paul Kaufman. Administrator Thomas Richards was present as well as Acting Borough Clerk Debbie Dakin. Harold Laufeld, CFO, was also in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance which was led Councilwoman Gadaleta.

Mayor Goldsmith wished to thank Council President Abene and Councilman Belgiovine for all their hard work and dedication with working on the budget. He also thanked Administrator Richards. Mayor Goldsmith commented that without Harold Laufeld, this budget would not have happened. Mr. Laufeld made it happen.

Budget Discussion

Mayor Goldsmith stated that nobody wants to see an increase, but our budget works for not only 2014, but also works for 2015 and 2016. Our biggest line item is our police salaries. Mayor Goldsmith also stated that Mr. Richards has notified Chief Jannicelli that we will be working on getting our police department accredited.

Mr. Laufeld distributed the budget last Friday. He explained that the budget document is based upon requests submitted by departments, estimates or actual based on previous years. Mr. Laufeld also stated that the 2014 budget meets all the requirements by the state with regard to

the spending and levy caps. The 2014 Assessed Valuations are 1,785,516,077 compared to 2013 of 1,830,553,495 for a decrease of 45 million.

The budget spending increase is 147,762 for a 1.26% increase over 2013. The amount to be raised by taxation increased 66,737 for an increase of 0.73%. The tax rate increased .016 or 3.19%. Therefore an average house assessed at 683,000 will see an increase of \$109.00 for municipal purposes only. This does not include the school or county tax increase.

Mayor Goldsmith also stated that Salary and Wages will go down. Mr. Laufeld used a 2% increase for employees but the increase will be either 1 ¼ or 1 ½.

Councilwoman Abene and Councilman Belgiovine are working with Harold on the Capital Budget. So far DPW and Police have informed them of what they would like in it. Councilwoman Abene stated that they will be meeting on Friday with the engineer regarding road paving for this year.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that we are awaiting Mr. DelGurcio's proposal, but \$35,000 has been put in the budget.

Mayor Goldsmith also stated that there is a discrepancy in the police department's budget and they are working on rectifying it.

Councilwoman Abene is going to be working with the Green Team on trying to raise awareness regarding recycling.

Councilman Rendo stated that maybe Paul Kaufman's office could go review invoices for legal bills to make sure they are accurate. Mr. Rendo also asked if we need as many attorneys that we have.

It was also mentioned that Paul Kaufman's office look into the information that the Hilton Hotel provides to the state regarding taxes.

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HOLDING OF CLOSED SESSION

**March 25, 2014
Resolution No. 14-76**

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WHEREAS, the following is the subject matter to be discussed in closed session:

1. North Jersey Media Group Contract
2. Matrix Litigation

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 formal action may be taken at the Meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Introduction: Mrs. Gadaleta
Second: Mrs. Abene
Ayes: Mrs. Abene, Mr. Belgiovine, Mrs. Gadaleta, Mr. Rendo
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Bloom, Mr. Rosenblatt

CERTIFICATION

I, Deborah Dakin, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake in the County of Bergen and the State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true copy of the original resolution duly passed and adopted by the Mayor and Council at the meeting of March 25, 2014.



**DEBORAH DAKIN
ACTING BOROUGH CLERK**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Rendo, seconded by Councilman Rendo and approved unanimously by voice call vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah Dakin
Acting Borough Clerk



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