



**BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING @ FIRE HOUSE
November 12, 2014
6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Notice of this meeting in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Law, 1975, C. "231" was posted at Borough Hall on November 5, 2014 and two newspapers, The Record and The Ridgewood News, were notified on November 5, 2014.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Jeffrey Goldsmith asked for roll call. Council members Abene, Belgiovine, Bloom, Gadaleta, and Rendo were present. Councilman Rosenblatt was absent. Councilwoman-elect Chiavelli and Councilman-elect Panso were also present. Deena Rosentahl was present for Borough Attorney Paul Kaufman as well as Thomas Richards, Borough Administrator and Debbie Dakin, Acting Borough Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Deputy Chief Dan Schuster.

Mayor Goldsmith thanked everyone for coming to the fire house to see the equipment first hand. Mayor Goldsmith also thanked Deputy Fire Chief Dan Schuster, Captain Rob Kuehlke and Fireman Kevin McGovern for attending.

Councilwoman Gadaleta stated that she has been in close communication with the fire department this past year and agree that they are in need of new equipment and that safety is of the upmost importance. The fire department is asking to replace 1 engine truck.

Captain Kuehlke stated that the fire department has 3 different types of trucks and that they are looking to replace 1 engine truck – the 25 year old engine/pumper. They currently have 2 engine/pumpers. One of the pumpers is going on 25 years old and the other is 14 years old. The 25 year old truck is second due.

Deputy Chief Schuster stated that the 14 year old truck goes out approximately 5 times per week with an average of 270 calls per year.

The 25 year old truck is 1990 technology and when it was built, the fire house had restrictions in size. The fire department does not have those restrictions now. The 25 year old engine truck would need numerous upgrades to benefit the fire department. However, it would not be feasible to put money into a 25 year old truck.

The new fire truck that they designed is smaller and would have a better fit. Additionally, it would be able to maneuver better in town with the hills and the winding roads that Woodcliff Lake has. The new fire truck's equipment is smaller; therefore, more equipment can be held in the truck.

Captain Kuehlke stated that every year there are more fire calls with the substantial increase in development in the Borough. Additionally, the population is extremely high in town during the day.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION to open to the public was made by Council President Abene, seconded by Councilman Bloom and unanimously approved.

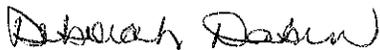
MOTION to close to the public was made by Councilman Bloom, seconded by Councilwoman Gadaleta and unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

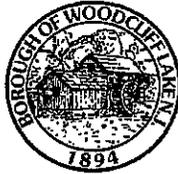
Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Belgiovine, seconded by Councilman Rendo and approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah Dakin
Acting Borough Clerk



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ROLL CALL

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Councilwoman-elect Chiavelli and Councilman-elect Panso.

Deputy Chief Dan Schuster distributed drawings of the new fire truck that the Fire Department wishes to purchase.

Mr. Schuster stated that the fire department is looking to replace 1 engine/pumper truck that is almost 25 years old. They currently have 2 engine/pumper trucks with the other truck being 14 years old. The 25 year old truck's electrical system is maxed out and cannot take any new equipment.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that he is asking the Council of 2015 to make this decision in January – February of next year.

Captain Rob Kuehlke stated that they would like to order the truck no later than February. This way the truck does not have to travel cross country in inclement weather and the men can be trained on the truck in the nicer weather.

Councilman Bloom asked what the time line is for getting the vehicle and if this has to go through a bid process.

Mr. Schuster replied that they do not have to go through the bid process because they will be going through HGACBuy. All they need is a Resolution from Mayor and Council to join HGACBuy, which is free to join. Mr. Schuster further stated the HGACBuy will review everything for you and get rid of all the unnecessary material.

Councilwoman Gadaleta asked how the HGACBuy gets paid.

Mr. Schuster replied that they get a small percentage of the purchase price of the truck. Mr. Schuster also stated that by designing your own truck you are able to tailor it for your town.

Councilman Rendo asked how much this will cost.

Mr. Schuster replied that it will cost approximately \$620,000 and will take approximately 6 months to deliver.

Councilman Rendo asked what is done with the old truck?

Mr. Schuster replied that it will probably be sold, but we will only get approximately \$8,000 for it.

Councilman Bloom asked how many pieces of equipment the surrounding towns have.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that Woodcliff Lake might need more because of our daytime population.

Mr. Schuster replied that Montvale has the same number of trucks as Woodcliff Lake.

Councilman Rendo stated that Park Ridge recently purchased a similar truck and asked Mr. Schuster if he knew how much they paid for it.

Mr. Schuster replied that they paid around \$600,000.

Council President Abene asked what piece of equipment might have to be purchased next and when.

Mr. Schuster replied that it would probably be #72 engine truck and that might have to take place in approximately 6 years.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that all four of the firemen present this evening either live in Woodcliff Lake, grew up in Woodcliff Lake or parents reside in Woodcliff Lake. That being said you know that safety is our number one priority.

Councilwoman Gadaleta stated that this could be a big liability if put off for another year.

Mr. Kuehlke stated that if a truck should go out of commission you will definitely need to rely on other towns. Additionally, you will be making repairs to a very old truck and what happens then if you lose 2 trucks at once.

Councilman Rendo asked what was the last year a truck was purchased?

Mr. Schuster replied that the ladder truck was purchased in 2009.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that if you never been to a fire call, you have no idea how scary it is. This needs to be about public safety and the safety of our firemen.

Mayor Goldsmith also stated that it has been requested that any new hires at DPW also be a volunteer firemen in the Borough. Additionally, Tri-Boro Ambulance needs volunteers.

Councilman Belgiovine stated that the DPW is also in dire need of new vehicles.

Councilman Rendo asked that Councilwoman Gadaleta speak to Peter Blanos at Millennium Strategies about possibly obtaining grant money.

Captain Kuehlke stated that every year there are more fire calls with the substantial increase in development in the Borough. Additionally, the population is extremely high in town during the day.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION to open to the public was made by Councilman Belgiovine, seconded by Councilman Rendo and unanimously approved.

Councilman-elect Panso asked what the cost of the additional equipment.

Mr. Schuster replied that the additional cost is between \$50,000 - \$60,000 with training built into the price.

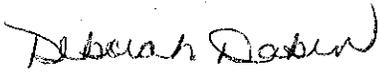
MOTION to close to the public was made by Councilwoman Gadaleta, seconded by Councilman Rendo and unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Belgiovine, seconded by Councilman Rendo and approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah Dakin".

Deborah Dakin
Acting Borough Clerk