

**BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
September 19, 2011
8:00 p.m.**

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 LaPaglia was present. Council members Baum, Glaser, Hoffman and Struk were present. Councilmen Bader and Camella were absent. Attorney Madaio, Administrator Albrecht and Borough Clerk Sciara were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by retired Municipal Court Judge Patrick Randazzo.

PRESENTATION.

Proclamation to the Honorable Judge Patrick Randazzo (ret.) read by Mayor LaPaglia.

WHEREAS, Patrick Randazzo was appointed the Woodcliff Lake Municipal Court Judge in January, 1986; and

WHEREAS, over the next 25 years, Judge Randazzo served the Borough of Woodcliff Lake continuously during the terms of Mayors Bernard Kettler, Josephine Higgins and Joseph LaPaglia until the inception of the Pascack Joint Municipal Court in April, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Judge Randazzo rendered legal decisions on all traffic, quasi-criminal and criminal matters within the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, Judge Randazzo rendered his decisions with great care, legal skill and professionalism in a calm and deliberate manner; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished tenure, Judge Randazzo performed numerous weddings, administered the Oath of Office to many elected officials and attended many public events in Woodcliff Lake; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake thank Judge Patrick Randazzo for his commitment, dedication and service to the residents of Woodcliff Lake; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake wish Judge Randazzo and his wife Laura much success and future happiness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council do hereby proclaim Monday, September 19, 2011 as Judge Patrick Randazzo Day in the Borough of Woodcliff Lake.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the **Mayor and Council Meeting on September 6, 2011 Mayor and Council Meeting** copies of which have been received by all Councilpersons, are hereby approved as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Introduce: Mr. Baum
 Second: Mr. Hoffman
 Ayes: Mr. Struk, Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Baum
 Nays: None
 Absent: Mr. Bader, Mr. Camella
 Abstain: None
 Not eligible: Mr. Glaser

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 11-12

- A. Clerk offers Proof of Publication.
- B. Ordinance is read by title only

“An Ordinance of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, to Revise Ordinance 250-3(1) to Update the Method of Notification for No Parking due to Declaration of Emergency”

- C. Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Baum, second by Mr. Glaser and approved unanimously by voice call vote.

Hearing no comments from the public, motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Baum, second by Mr. Glaser and approved unanimously by voice call vote.

- D. Adoption.

**Be it Resolved, that the Ordinance entitled
 “An Ordinance of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, to Revise Ordinance 250-3(1) to Update the Method of Notification for No Parking due to Declaration of Emergency”**

introduced at a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on September 6, 2011 published in the form presented to and read at this Meeting, shall be appended to the Minutes of this Meeting, and made part of this Resolution and shall be passed on second and final reading, and the Borough Clerk is authorized to advertise the same according to law.

ROLL CALL:

Introduce: Mr. Hoffman
 Second: Mr. Baum
 Ayes: Mr. Struk, Mr. Glaser, Mr. Baum, Mr. Hoffman
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: Mr. Bader, Mr. Camella

PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the rules and regulations of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“County Trust Fund”), the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake will be conducting a public hearing to discuss their desire to further the public interest by obtaining a matching grant of \$20,525.00 from the County Trust Fund to fund the following project: Improvements to Old Mill Recreation Complex as part of a regularly scheduled public meeting in Borough Hall, 188 Pascack Road, Woodcliff Lake, NJ to be held on September 19, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached.

Administrator Albrecht deferred the summary of this grant application to Councilman Hoffman. Councilman Hoffman explained that the Borough had applied to the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund for improvements to the Old Mill Recreation Complex. Councilman Hoffman stated that each Memorial Day weekend, Woodcliff Lake is the sponsor of a baseball tournament. This tournament raises a tremendous amount of money, 100% of which is donated to charity. Steve Silverman, a former Woodcliff Lake baseball commissioner and Woodcliff Lake resident is the current president of the baseball tournament. Mr. Silverman is also the president of a company that builds “green” buildings. This company, Axion, will donate all materials for this project as well as minor engineering work. New bleachers and new decking would be installed at Major Field. The current retaining wall behind the fences will be replaced as well as the foundation of the bleacher seats. A paver walkway will be installed between the fence and the new retaining wall.

A new patio and walkway will be constructed in front of the concession stand and bathrooms at the Old Mill Pool.

Councilman Hoffman stated that he and Administrator Albrecht are trying to coordinate the collection of #3 plastic containers at the recycling center. These plastic containers would be recycled and then re-used in the construction projects at the Old Mill Pool. Logistic problems for the placement of a dumpster to collect these recycled plastics was a concern.

Motion to open the meeting to the public on the topic of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“County Trust Fund”) was made by Mr. Baum, second by Mr. Struk and approved unanimously by voice call vote.

Josephine Higgins, 10 Pond Road, asked if the bathrooms would become more handicapped accessible. Councilman Hoffman stated that the bathrooms and locker room are already handicapped accessible. No further work will be done.

Hearing no further comments from the public, motion to close the meeting to the public on this topic was made by Mr. Glaser, second by Mr. Baum and approved unanimously by voice call vote.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE/EDUCATION (HIGH)/SENIOR CITIZEN'S PROGRAM

Councilman Glaser reported that approval was given to the applicant of 595 Chestnut Ridge Road to construct a two(2) story office building. The building will consist of six (6) doctor's offices and general office space. There will be parking for 70 vehicles with a 62% of pervious coverage. The planning board resolution will include some mechanism to limit the number of parking spaces to what had been approved.

DPW & ROADS/SEWERS & SANITATION, ECOLOGY

Councilman Struk reported the DPW has been very busy. The department did work at the Westervelt-Lydecker Home. The DPW received mulch from the Borough of Montvale at no cost and applied it within the Borough. The DPW prepared the field at the Jack D'Ambrosi Complex for the 9-11 ceremonies. The department is looking into the replacement of several trees on Glen Road that fell during the recent storms.

Recycling Coordinator Ed Barboni reported that the recent shredding event held at the ecology facility was well received by residents who used the services. Mr. Barboni feels that more notification is needed to the residents. The next shredding day will be held on November 12, 2011 at 9:00a.m. at the Ecology Center.

PARKS AND RECREATION/SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

Councilman Hoffman reported that with the help of Administrator Albrecht, the Borough has recently received a solar powered garbage receptacle from the County. This garbage receptacle looks similar to a library book return drop. When the receptacle needs to be emptied, a text message will be sent to the authorized receiver with the message. These solar power garbage receptacles reduce manpower which in turn lessens the fuel emissions from vehicles needed to empty the receptacles before being full. This is part of the administration's goal of going "green".

Councilman Hoffman reported on a recent fund raiser for a town resident was held at the Old Mill Pool. Josephine is a 9 year old who is suffering from cancer. The event raised over \$4,800.00 for the construction of "Josephine's Garden" at Hackensack University Medical Center.

The Shade Tree Committee has found a home for more than 25 new trees.

The Annual Halloween parade will be held on October 28, 2011 at the Westervelt-Lydecker House.

PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE/OEM/TRIBORO/ BUILDING & GROUNDS/BUILDING

DEPT.

Due to the absence of Councilman Bader, Councilman Struk reported on his behalf. Councilman Bader spoke to Chief Jannicelli in regard to a back-up NIXLE administrator. If a power outage were to occur or phone lines were down, another employee who lived out of the outage area would be in charge of uploading messages to the NIXLE system.

**BOARD OF HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH & WELFARE/EDUCATIO/ELEMENTARY)
PUBLIC INFORMATION, NEWSLETTERS, ORDINANCES, LIBRARY**

Councilman Baum reported that the newsletter will be mailed to all residents in early October. North Jersey Media has not found a sponsor for the Woodcliff Lake newsletter. If a sponsor could be found, the advertisement would usually appear on the full back page and a strip along the top page somewhere else in the newsletter.

FIRE-VOLUNTEER/FIRE PREVENTION

Councilman Hoffman reported that UNICO will be sponsoring a spaghetti dinner/meatball competition on October 16, 2011 at Our Lady of Mercy Church. One of the recipients of the money raised will be the Woodcliff Lake fire department to help fund their water rescue equipment purchase. The fire department has installed a new water feature in front of the fire house.

OLD BUSINESS.

None

NEW BUSINESS.

None

PUBLIC FORUM

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Baum, second by Mr. Hoffman.

Josephine Higgins, 10 Pond Road asked the status of the Apple Cider Players operation at the Tice Senior Center. Administrator Albrecht stated that he has been in contact with Elayne Marks of the Apple Cider Players in regard to the storing of their props, equipment and staging in the basement of the Tice Senior Center. The Senior Association is finding it difficult to locate and get to their equipment. The Apple Cider Players have been asked to remove their equipment by October 2, 2011. Mrs. Higgins stated that if the Apple Cider Players are forced to remove their staging equipment, it could hinder the future of the theater group. Administrator Albrecht stated he was sure an amicable solution would be worked out. He added that the Apple Cider Players provide a wonderful service to the community.

Hearing no further comment from the public, motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Glaser, second by Mr. Baum and approved unanimously by voice call vote.

CONSENT AGENDA DISCUSSION.

None

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE.

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented was made by Mr. Baum, second by Mr. Glaser.

ROLL CALL:

Introduce: Mr. Baum

Second: Mr. Glaser

Ayes: Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Struk, Mr. Glaser, Mr. Baum

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Bader, Mr. Camella

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bader, second by Mr. Camella and approved unanimously by voice call vote. The time is 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Sciara, RMC/CMC
Borough Clerk

CLAIMS AND BILLS.**Authority to Pay Claims.****(Consent Agenda - 1)**

RESOLVED, that the following current claims against the Borough for materials and services have been considered and are proper and hereby are approved for payment:

Current Fund	\$ 204,569.28
Capital	\$ 400,600.00
Animal Control	\$ 847.40
Trust Other	\$ 197.00
State Unemployment	\$ 306.00

Payroll**(Consent Agenda-2)**

RESOLVED, that the following Payroll Disbursements made by the Treasurer since the last meeting are proper and hereby ratified and approved:

Payroll released \$ 194,139.83

Resolution Authorizing a Stipulation of Settlement Between Peter E. Wohl and Kelly Blundy Block 1402, Lot 19, 91 Brookview Drive and the Borough of Woodcliff Lake, Docket No. 018-318-2010

(Consent Agenda-3)

1. It is hereby stipulated and agreed that the assessment of the following properties be adjusted and a judgment entered as follows:

Block: 1402**Lot: 19****91 Brookview Drive, Woodcliff Lake****YEAR 2010**

	Original Assessment	County Tax Board Assessment	Requested Tax Judgment
Land	\$ 264,400.00	\$ 264,400.00	\$264,400.00
Improvements	\$ 591,800.00	\$ 591,800.00	\$460,600.00
Total	\$ 856,200.00	\$ 856,200.00	\$725,000.00

The parties agree that there has been no change in value or municipal wide revaluation or reassessment adopted for the tax years 2011, and therefore agree that the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:51A-8 (Freeze Act) shall be applicable to the assessment on the property referred to herein for said Freeze Act year. No Freeze Act year shall be the basis for application of the Freeze Act for any subsequent year.

2. The undersigned have made such examination of the value and proper assessment of the property as they deem necessary and appropriate for the purpose of enabling them to enter into the stipulation. The assessor of the taxing district has been consulted by the attorney for the taxing district with respect to this settlement and has concurred.
3. Based upon the foregoing, the undersigned represent to the court that the above settlement will result in an assessment at the fair assessable value of the property consistent with assessing practices generally applicable in the taxing district as required by law.

Resolution Endorsing a Community Development Project Grant Application for 2011-2012 Senior Citizen Activities (Consent Agenda – 4)

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$6,000.00 has been proposed by the Borough of Woodcliff Lake for Senior Citizen Activities in the municipality of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State of Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of aforesaid CD funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE, IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

Resolution to enter into a Grant Agreement with the County of Bergen for the purposes of utilizing Community Development Block Grant – Senior Citizens Activities (Consent Agenda – 5)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake wishes to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$6,000 in 2011-2012 Community Development Block Grant funds for Senior Activities, 411 Chestnut Ridge Road in the Borough of Woodcliff Lake,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Borough Administrator Wolfgang Albrecht to be a signatory for the aforesaid mentioned grant agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Borough Administrator Wolfgang Albrecht to sign all County vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid mentioned project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council recognizes that the Borough of Woodcliff Lake is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement, and that liability of the Mayor and Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

This resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake at a meeting on September 19, 2011.

BY: _____
Lorinda Sciara, RMC/CMC
Borough Clerk

ATTEST: _____

Resolution Endorsing a Community Development Project Grant Application for 2011-2012 Restoration /Replacement for Windows at the Westervelt-Lydecker House

(Consent Agenda – 6)

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$14,400 has been proposed by the Borough of Woodcliff Lake for the restoration/replacement for windows at the Westervelt-Lydecker House in the municipality of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State of Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of aforesaid CD funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE, IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Quote for the Installation of a New Borough Hall Fire Alarm System

(Consent Agenda – 7)

WHEREAS, Woodcliff Lake is in the process of remodeling and combining the alarm systems in the police department and borough hall; and

WHEREAS, the construction code official has obtained three (3) quotes ranging from \$10,283.88 - \$14,042.00; and

WHEREAS, the fire prevention official, the fire sub code inspector, the electrical inspector have evaluated all quotes and have recommended to award the project to Eastern Fire and Safety in the amount of \$10,283.88; and

WHEREAS, the chief financial officer has certified that funds are available for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake authorize the acceptance of the quote from Eastern Fire and Safety for the installation of a new borough hall fire alarm system not to exceed \$10,283.99.

Resolution Authorizing Raffle License(s) for the Community Blood Services Foundation
(Consent Agenda – 8)

WHEREAS, application has been made by the Community Blood Services Foundation for one (1) on premise 50/50 and one (1) on premise raffle on October 15, 2011 to be held at the Tice Senior Community Center, Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, said application has [Type a quote from the document or the summary of an interesting point. You can position the text box anywhere in the document. Use the Text Box Tools tab to change the formatting of the pull quote text box.]
been submitted to the Woodcliff Lake Police Department for investigation and have been found to be in good order;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the applications of the Community Blood Services is approved and the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to issue Raffle License(s) No. 11-405 and No. 11-406.

Resolution Authorizing Estimate No. 1 in the Amount of \$216,679.07 for Work Performed to Date by the Contractor for the 2011 Pascack Valley Road Program
(Consent Agenda – 9)

WHEREAS, the Borough of Woodcliff Lake has previously awarded a contract to D&L Paving Contractors, Inc. for the 2011 Pascack Valley Cooperative Pricing Resurfacing Program; and

WHEREAS, the work performed to date by the Contractor D&L Paving Contractors, Inc. is \$216,679.07 for the aforementioned projects; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer takes no exception to this payment and the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake authorizes the Estimate No. 1 payment in the amount of \$216,679.07 to D&L Paving, Inc.

Resolution Authorizing License as a Dealer of Second-Hand Gold, Silver, Gems, and Precious Metals
(Consent Agenda-10)

WHEREAS, application has been made by Northeast Estate Buyers; and

WHEREAS, said application has been submitted to the Woodcliff Lake Police Department for investigation and have been found to be in good order;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of Northeast Estate Buyers is approved and the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to issue License for the period ending 12/31/11.

Resolution Authorizing Release of Escrow Balance

WHEREAS, A request has been made for the release of the escrow balances with respect to the following in the Borough of Woodcliff Lake:

**McGovern
31 Fairview
Woodcliff lake
Escrow release
\$303.23**

WHEREAS, the Borough Construction Official has confirmed that all is satisfactory and has recommended that the escrow balances be released;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the recommendation of the above, the Mayor and Council does hereby authorize the release of the escrow balances in the amount of **\$303.23** in connection with the aforementioned.