

**BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES**

October 17, 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 asked for a roll call. Council members Bader, Baum, Camella, Glaser, Hoffman and Struk were present. Attorney Madaio, Administrator Albrecht and Borough Clerk Sciara were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor LaPaglia.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the **Mayor and Council Meeting on October 3, 2011** Mayor and Council Meeting copies of which have been received by all Councilpersons, are hereby approved as amended.

ROLL CALL:

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

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

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

Councilman Glaser that the senior's went to Pomona, NY today for an October fest lunch. It is an annual trip and enjoyed by all. Councilman Glaser stated that he recently joined the Bridge Club at the senior community center. This activity is the most popular held at the center. There will be a debate hosted by the senior association and monitored by the League of Women Voter's between this year's candidates for Mayor and council. The debate will start at 7:00. There have been debates in years past and Councilman Glaser hopes for a good turnout.

DPW & ROADS/SEWERS & SANITATION, ECOLOGY

Councilman Struk reported that the DPW has been very busy. A report was given to the Borough Clerk in the essence of time.

It was detected that five homes on Blueberry Drive were without water as the water main underground burst. Park Ridge Water will be repairing the problem.

PARKS AND RECREATION/SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

Councilman Hoffman reported on the bio-diesel fuel program started today. The presentation went very well. The Mayor and Council thanked DPW employee Kevin Woods for his presentation of the program to the school children. 8th graders from Dorchester Middle School came to the DPW, strained the oil, mixed the oil and put it in the truck.

The Shade Tree Committee is exploring whether or not they should try to grow trees in the back property of the Hathaway House. No one was opposed but it was expressed that the Shade Tree Committee should know that anything planted on this property may have to be removed if the need presents itself.

The Joint Municipal Court numbers are on track with previously reported anticipation of savings.

The Annual Halloween and Costume Party will be held on October 28, 2011 at the Weserverlt-Lydecker House from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. There will be a costume contest, rides and refreshments for all in attendance.

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

Councilman Bader reported on Monday, October 24, 2011 work will begin at the intersection of Woodcliff Avenue and Broadway. The County is widening and realigning the roadways. Permanent signalization will also be installed.

BOARD OF HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH & ELFARE/EDUCATION/ELEMENTARY) PUBLIC INFORMATION, NEWSLETTERS, ORDINANCES, LIBRARY

Councilman Baum reported that the fall newsletter will be mailed this week in the Community Life. The copy looks nice and the savings to the Borough is \$3,000 compared to previous years.

FIRE-VOLUNTEER/FIRE PREVENTION

Councilman Camella reported that Woodcliff Lake responded as the fast team to the Fire Call at the Iron Horse this past weekend. The kitchen was totally destroyed.

Councilman Camella reported that the Fire Prevention Open House was very successful. All those who attended had a wonderful time. A special thank you was given to the fire department and the fire prevention bureau for their hard work.

Councilman Camella reported that UNICO held a spaghetti dinner at OLM on Sunday. The participation was wonderful and a great time was had by all. An 86 year old resident was the winner of the "best meatball" contest. Money was raised for OLM and for the purchase of water

rescue equipment for the Borough Fire Department.

OLD BUSINESS.

None

NEW BUSINESS.

None

PUBLIC FORUM

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Glaser, second by Mr. Struk.

Josephine Higgins, 10 Pond Road stated to the Mayor several hazards at the toddler park. Mayor LaPaglia stated he would have the DPW look into these issues. Mrs. Higgins gave to Attorney Madaio a copy of a letter she sent to Governor Christie in regard to the lawsuit filed by former Councilwoman Howley against the Borough and four of the councilmen. Mrs. Higgins stated, "from Mayor to Mayor, and I am not calling anyone a crook. But, I do want a private investigation into this apparent lack of transparency."

Diana DiGiralamo, 19 Wright Street North, stated that she works very closely with the police as the head of the Community Resource Development Program. She asked the Mayor what is his opinion about regionalization of police services. Mayor LaPaglia stated that there is a study being sponsored by the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office for the possible sharing of services by the Park Ridge, Montvale and Woodcliff Lake Police Departments. A firm has not been selected to perform the study as of yet; therefore, it is very premature to respond to Mrs. DiGiralamo's question on whether or not the Mayor agrees with the consolidation of police services. Once the Borough receives the report, the Mayor would ask that a referendum be placed on the next ballot to ascertain the sentiment of the residents. Mr. Hoffman stated that the study is looking at the sharing of not only police officers, but also vehicles, vehicle maintenance, supplies etc.

Jeff Goldsmith, 66 Old Farms Road stated that he enjoyed the "Pasta Palooza" event sponsored by UNICO this past Sunday. It was refreshing to speak with other candidates in a relaxed atmosphere while raising money for two worthwhile causes. Mr. Goldsmith stated that he came to a previous council meeting and asked the Mayor and Council to put the question of police consolidation before the residents for this November. He feels the Mayor and Council are putting the "cart before the horse". If the residents are not in favor of consolidation, why would the Mayor and Council go ahead with the study. Mr. Goldsmith was told the study is being funded by the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office

Bernie Kettler, Woodcliff Lake asked what, if any progress has been made on the beautification of the train station? Mr. Kettler was told that due to the construction by the County, there has been no movement on this project. Mr. Kettler was told he would be refunded his donation made over one year ago to this project.

Josephine Higgins, 10 Pond Road asked for clarification to the sick time usage policy. Mrs. Higgins was told the change was so that employees could use sick time in increments of hours rather than in ½ days. Mayor LaPaglia stated this change is possible due to the new attendance program installed at Borough Hall and the DPW.

Hearing no further questions from the public, motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Bader, second by Mr. Camella and approved unanimously by voice call vote.

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE.

Mr. Bader asked for Consent Agenda Item # 4 be pulled from the Consent Agenda to be voted on separately.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 made by Mr. Bader, second by Mr. Hoffman.

ROLL CALL:

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

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Item #4 was made by Mr. Camella, second by Mr. Baum.

ROLL CALL:

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bader, second by Mr. Baum and approved unanimously by voice call vote. The time is 8:45 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	\$ 2,868,193.75
Animal Control Fund	\$ 3.60
Trust Other Funds	\$ 175.00
Capital	\$ 3,590.00

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	\$ 174,947.50
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION TO THE PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL**(Consent Agenda-3)**

WHEREAS, The Borough reserves the right to add a new policy, change, revise, eliminate, or deviate on a case-by-case basis from any of the policies and/or benefits described herein, subject to the requirements of collective negotiation agreements and/or state and federal laws or regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has reviewed the policy change and is recommending the same.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake have agreed to the following revisions to the Personnel Manual

Calculation for sick time usage

Resolution Authorizing Stipulation of Settlement Between Bertram and JoAnne Siegel and the Borough of Woodcliff Lake**(Consent Agenda - 4)**

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

Block: 1206

Lot: 4

Street Address: 11 Hunter Ridge, Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey

Year: 2011

<u>2010</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>County Tax Requested Tax</u>	
		<u>Board Adjustment</u>	<u>Court Adjustment</u>
Land	\$ 290,300	NA	\$ 290,300
Improvements	\$ 1,430,700	NA	\$ 1,184,700
Total:	\$ 1,721,000	NA	\$ 1,475,000

2. The undersigned have made such examination of the value and proper assessment of the property and have obtained such appraisals, analysis and information with respect to the valuation and 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.

4. Statutory interest pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:3-27.2, is waived by the taxpayer and should not be paid.

Resolution Requesting Approval of items of Revenue and Appropriation – Chap 159
NJSA40A 4-87 – Body Armor Grant (Consent Agenda – 5)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any Special Item of Revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such item shall have been available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget: and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amounts;

NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake requests the Director of Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2011 Budget in the sum of \$1,275.00 which is now available from U.S. Office of Justice Body Armor Grant .

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of \$ 1,275.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

General Appropriations
Operations Excluded from CAPS

Resolution Authorizing Mayor and Council to Enter Into a Grant Agreement with the County for Senior Activities (Consent 6)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of Woodcliff Lake wishes to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$4,469.00 in 2011 Community Development Block Grant funds for Senior Citizen Activities, Tice Community/Senior Center, 411 Chestnut Ridge Road, Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677; and

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

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

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