

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

February 2, 2009

8:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER.

This meeting, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, P. L. 1975, C. 231, was announced at the Reorganization Meeting held on January 5, 2009 in the Municipal Building. Notice of this meeting has been posted, and two newspapers, The Record and The Ridgewood News, have been notified.

ROLL CALL.

Mayor LaPaglia called the meeting to order. Council members, Camella, Glaser, Hoffman, Howley, and Rosenblatt were present on roll call. Councilman Bader was absent. Attorney Madaio, Administrator Sandve, and Clerk Sciara were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

APPOINTMENT

(Mayor) I appoint Akhil Kumar of 182 Kinderkamack Road, Park Ridge NJ to the Woodcliff Lake Volunteer Fire Department.

RESOLVED, that the aforementioned appointment is approved.

ROLL CALL:

Introduce: Mr. Camella
Second: Mrs. Howley
Ayes: Mr. Camella, Mr. Glaser, Mr. Hoffman, Mrs. Howley
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Bader, Mr. Rosenblatt

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of a Special [meeting of the Mayor and Council on January 19, 2009](#) copies of which have been received by all Councilpersons, are hereby approved as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Introduce: Mrs. Howley
Second: Mr. Camella
Ayes: Mr. Camella, Mr. Glaser, Mr. Hoffman, Mrs. Howley
Nays: None

Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Bader, Mr. Rosenblatt

RESOLVED, that the [Minutes of the Executive Closed Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council of January 19, 2009](#) copies of which have been received by all Councilpersons, are hereby approved as amended but not yet ready for release to the public.

ROLL CALL:

Introduce: Mrs. Howley
Second: Mr. Camella
Ayes: Mr. Camella, Mr. Glaser, Mr. Hoffman, Mrs. Howley
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Bader, Mr. Rosenblatt

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of a [meeting of the Mayor and Council on January 19, 2009](#) copies of which have been received by all Councilpersons, are hereby approved as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Introduce: Mrs. Howley
Second: Mr. Glaser
Ayes: Mr. Camella, Mr. Glaser, Mr. Hoffman, Mrs. Howley
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Bader, Mr. Rosenblatt

PRESENTATION.

Donna Bott, Community Hospice Program

Mrs. Donna Bott was introduced by Mr. Hoffman. Mrs. Bott has been a resident of Westwood her entire life. She was a volunteer at the hospice affiliated with Pascack Valley for 19 years until the closing of the hospital. Mrs. Bott has been awarded the NYGiants Award, the Pascack Valley Chamber of Commerce Award and the Bergen County Volunteer of the Year Award. Mrs. Bott explained that she along with two other volunteers have formed the not for profit hospice organization Community Hospice of Bergen County. In order to receive State funding, the hospice must provide services to 10 patients for three months. The cost will be approximately \$100,000 each month or \$300,000. In the past 11 months, the community hospice has raised over \$150,000. Mrs. Bott is hoping that by networking, a possible corporate sponsor can be found.

Mayor LaPaglia invited Mrs. Bott to the next Mayor's breakfast to speak to a bigger crowd.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Tax Map Update

Boswell McClave Engineering has received final comments from the State. They are in the process of preparing their final response and resubmitting their comments along with the mylar for final signature by the State's Division of Taxation.

2008 NJDOT Improvements to Overlook Drive Section 4

This project is complete. The NJDOT final grant reimbursement package to the Office of Local Aid has been filed.

Intersection Improvements at Woodcliff Avenue and Werimus Road

Survey drawing was submitted to Bergen county on July 8, 2008 for the County's design input. Boswell McClave Engineering contacted Joseph Femia of the Bergen County Engineer's Office on January 29, 2009 to determine the status of the project. A meeting has been scheduled for February 6, 2009 to review what the Borough submitted and what the County is proposing.

Intersection Improvements at Kinderkamack Road and Prospect Avenue

Survey drawing was submitted to Bergen County on July 8, 2008 for the county's design input. Boswell McClave Engineering contacted Joseph Femia of the Bergen County Engineer's Office on January 29, 2009 to determine the status of the project. Mr. Femia advised that he will discuss the matter with his department and provide an update shortly.

Shaw Road Water Main Improvements

This project is substantially complete. The Contractor has to come back to the job site to infrared the trench in Werimus Road in the Spring of 2009 in order to let the trench settle over the winter

Misc. The Borough has received a NJDTO grant for the Improvements to Brookview Drive in the amount of \$150,000.00

Intersection Improvements to Chestnut Ridge Road and Saddle River Road

Mr. Timsak advised that at the present time this project is scheduled to be bid and constructed in 2009.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Update of Goals and Objectives

Mr. Glaser updated the Council on the 2009 Goals and Objectives. Mr. Glaser and Administrator Sandve have met and discussed the 2009 Goals. This year's goals will be rated in priority order as per Council input. The results will be given to Council members before the next meeting. Mr. Hoffman will meet with Administrator Sandve for background information on each goal.

Update on 2009 Municipal Budget

Administrator Sandve stated that the Finance Committee will be meeting on Wednesday and Friday of this week to discuss the preliminary budget. Mayor LaPaglia stated the recent arbitrator settlement to the PBA in Closter is unsettling.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor had no report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS.

NEW BUSINESS.

Ordinance #09-01

“An Ordinance Amending Chapter 262 of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake, County of Bergen Entitled, “Zoning”

Heretofore introduced, does now pass on first reading, and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 18th day of February 18 , at 8:00 o'clock P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, at the regular meeting place of the Borough Council, and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance, and that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said Ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said Ordinance be further considered for final passage.

ROLL CALL:

Introduce: Mr. Camella
Second: Mrs. Howley
Ayes: Mr. Camella, Mr. Glaser, Mr. Hoffman, Mrs. Howley
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Bader, Mr. Rosenblatt

Ordinance #09-02

“An Ordinance of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake Establishing Regulations and Permit Requirements for the Placement and Use of Charitable Clothing Bins Throughout the Borough of Woodcliff Lake”

Heretofore introduced, does now pass on first reading, and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 18th day of February 18 , at 8:00 o'clock P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, at the regular meeting place of the Borough Council, and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance, and that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said Ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said Ordinance be further considered for final passage.

The introduction of this Ordinance was tabled.

PUBLIC FORUM.

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Mrs. Howley, second by Mr. Camella and approved unanimously by voice call vote.

Kevin O'Brien, 227 Pascack Road asked about the PSE&G portable generators noticed in three locations. Administrator Sandve will call PSE&G tomorrow to inquire. Mr. O'Brien asked if

Powderhill Developers have declared bankruptcy. Attorney Madaio stated that he has had no notice stating as such. Mr. O'Brien advised the Council that solicitor's stating they represented a contractor for Verizon Inc. knocked on his door last night. This individual had no ID from the Borough nor an ID from Verizon, Inc. Mr. O'Brien was assured this matter will be looked into. **Josephine Higgins, 10 Pond Road** asked if the Board of Health could be contacted for some input on the outdoor wood burning stove ordinance.

Mr. Tony DeVito, 8 Oakwood Drive asked for an update on the Hatheway Property Acquisition. Mayor LaPaglia informed Mr. DeVito that the borough had recently received a \$800,000 grant from the Bergen County Freeholders. Now that the Borough has substantial grant funding, they are going to proceed with negotiations with the owners of the Hatheway House. If these negotiations are successful, the Borough will try to acquire the Freedman Property. Mr. DeVito stated that although the EDAW report is now dated material, ideas were germinated at that time. He feels that the Council should make some effort to a study of the use of this property should it be acquired. He is concerned that the Borough might find themselves at a point where they must act in haste in order to achieve their unresearched goal. Some residents have a question as to the need for this property.

Bernard Kettler, 202 Glen Road shared with the Council some cost saving tips for senior citizens: discount for EZ Pass, home delivery for The Record. Mr. Kettler suggested that the Borough could try to develop a program for Woodcliff Lake Seniors similar to AARP.

Hearing no further comments from the public, a motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mrs. Howley, second by Mr. Camella 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. Hoffman, second by Mr. Camella.

ROLL CALL:

Introduce: Mr. Hoffman
Second: Mr. Camella
Ayes: Mr. Camella, Mr. Glaser, Mr. Hoffman, Mrs. Howley
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Bader, Mr. Rosenblatt

ADJOURNMENT.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Howley, second by Mr. Glaser and approved unanimously by voice call vote. The time is 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Sciara, RMC
Borough Clerk

Payroll.

(Consent Agenda – 1)

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

Payroll released 01/30/09 \$174,295.01

CLAIMS AND BILLS.

Authority to Pay Claims.

(Consent Agenda - 2)

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	\$ 2,294,045.00
Capital	\$ 645,370.00
Animal	\$ 440.00

Resolution Authorizing the Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Improvements to Brookview Drive Project

(Consent Agenda - 3)

WHEREAS, the Borough of Woodcliff Lake is desirous of pursuing the Improvements to Brookview Drive Project and filing a grant application for a 2009 NJDOT Local Aid Grant for Brookview Drive; and

WHEREAS, the north end of Brookview Drive connects and feeds into Woodcliff Avenue, a County Road that contains the Woodcliff Middle School.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake, formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator and the Borough are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as (MA-2009-Woodcliff Lake Borough-00160) to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and condition of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

My signature and the Clerk’s seal serve to acknowledge the above resolution and constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the

grant agreement as authorized by the Resolution above.

ATTEST and AFFIX SEAL _____

(Clerk)
Name: Lori Sciara

(Presiding Officer)
Name: Edward Sandve
Title: Borough Administrator

TRANSFER RESOLUTION FOR THE FEBRUARY 2, 2009 MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
(Consent Agenda - 4)

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
MAYOR AND COUNCIL - SALARIES AND WAGES	8-01-20-110-012	500.00	
MAYOR AND COUNCIL - OTHER EXPENSES	8-01-20-110-041		500.00
ADMINISTRATION - SALARIES AND WAGES	8-01-23-220-190	4,000.00	
LEGAL - OTHER EXPENSES	8-01-20-155-029		4,000.00
GROUP INSURANCE PLANS FOR EMPLOYEES	8-01-23-220-190	11,000.00	
FIRE DEPARTMENT - OTHER EXPENSES	8-01-25-255-233		11,000.00
DPW - SALARIES AND WAGES	8-01-26-290-013	3,000.00	
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE - OTHER EXPENSES	8-01-26-315-128		3,000.00
MUNICIPAL CLERK - OTHER EXPENSES	8-01-20-120-028	300.00	
CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS - OTHER EXPENSES	8-01-30-420-170		300.00
ELECTRICITY - OTHER EXPENSES	8-01-31-430-205	1,000.00	
STREET LIGHTING - OTHER EXPENSES	8-01-31-435-000	1,000.00	
GARBAGE DISPOSAL COSTS - OTHER EXPENSES	8-01-32-465-230	3,000.00	
GASOLINE - OTHER EXPENSES	8-01-31-460-203		5,000.00

Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Bids for the Purchase of a New Rubber Tired Bucket Loader with Accessories

(Consent Agenda – 5)

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works is in need of a new Rubber Tired Bucket Loader with Accessories; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available through Bond Ordinance 08-03.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake authorize the Borough Clerk to advertise for bids for the aforementioned vehicle for the Woodcliff lake Department of Public Works.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELATION OF TAXES
DUE TO PROPERTIES MERGING TO ONE LOT**

(Consent Agenda – 6)

WHEREAS. The property taxes on the following parcels are DELETED PROPERTIES;
and

WHEREAS, this has resulted in taxes due on deleted properties listed below: and

WHEREAS, the properties have no taxes due.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake be authorized to delete the taxes for the first half of 2009 on the following parcels listed below:

BLOCK 2707 LOTS 11 & 12
RJN RESIDENTIAL, INC.
8 MARTHA STREET
WOODCLIFF LAKE, NJ

January 29, 2009