

**BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
JUNE 21, 2010**

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 2, 2010 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

Roll Call was taken by the substituting Secretary. Mayor LaPaglia and Councilmembers Bader, Camella, Glaser, Hoffman, and Howley were present. Councilmember Rosenblatt was absent. Attorney Madaio, Administrator Sandve, and substituting Secretary Kathy Rizza were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Howley.

PRESENTATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Woodcliff Lake Fire Chief Robert Kuehlke and Deputy Chief Jared Shapiro presented Fire Department Scholarships to nine (9) Woodcliff Lake High School Seniors. All were congratulated by the members of the Council.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor LaPaglia appointed Jake Kaplan as a Volunteer Fireman in the Borough of Woodcliff Lake.

RESOLVED, that this appointment is confirmed with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of a **regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council on May 17, 2010**, are approved and are ready for release to the public.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Mr. Rosenblatt

RESOLVED, that the minutes of an **Executive Closed Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council on May 17, 2010**, are approved and are ready for release to the public.

ROLL CALL:

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE – Read by Attorney Madaio

Be it Resolved, that the Ordinance entitled “Capital Ordinance of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, appropriating an additional sum of \$75,000 for the acquisition of real property for recreation and other municipal purposes in, by and for the Borough and providing that such sum so appropriated shall be raised from a County Grant”

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 12th day of July, 2010 at 8:00 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 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. Bader
Second: Mr. Camella
Ayes: Mr. Glaser, Mr. Hoffman, Mrs. Howley, Mr. Camella, Mr. Bader
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Rosenblatt

PUBLIC HEARING

“Capital Ordinance of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey Authorizing the making of various public improvements and acquisitions in, by and for the Borough, appropriating therefore the sum of

\$597,900 and providing that such sum so appropriated shall be raised from Capital Surplus of the Borough.”

Open to the Public:

ROLL CALL:

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

Administrator Sandve stated that this Ordinance is fully funded and that there is no new debt associated with it. Mrs. Howley stated that no taxes will be raised to pay for these improvements and acquisition.

No one from the public wished to be heard.

Closed to the Public:

ROLL CALL:

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

Adoption:

Be it resolved, that the Ordinance entitled “Capital Ordinance of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey Authorizing the making of various public improvements and acquisitions in, by and for the Borough, appropriating therefore the sum of \$597,900 and providing that such sum so appropriated shall be raised from Capital Surplus of the Borough.”

ROLL CALL:

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

STANDING COMMITTEES

**John Glaser –
Planning Board**

Mr. Glaser reported that the Montvale Planning Board has a current application for a "Fresh Market" store at the mall on Chestnut Ridge Road, in the space previously occupied by the Antiques Mall. This store is similar to Whole Foods, only smaller. It is simple application with a few variances, one of which is to allow for trucks to do a u-turn in the rear of the store. This road would need to be widened. This may cause a noise problem for our residents in the rear of the property. Mr. Glaser will continue to attend the meetings on this application.

Mr. Glaser informed all that he is still actively working on the PBA contract negotiations with the rest of the committee.

**Paul Camella –
Library**

Informed all present that library memberships are down 15-10%. He has talked to various legislators on the subject of consolidation. He feels that this needs to be encouraged.

**Jeff Bader –
Buildings and Grounds**

Regarding the storm drain blockage on Arcadia, no blockage was seen with the camera that was used. Mr. Sandve has spoken with the homeowner and informed them the camera will be used again to see if it can go further to confirm.

Police

Informed all that police overtime for this year through June 16th is at \$86,519.00. It is almost double from last year of \$45,179.00 for the same time period. He has had discussions with the Chief regarding additional hirings after the contract is settled. Mayor LaPaglia stated that the Police Negotiating Committee would not allow the Borough to hire a new officer unless this new officer was hired at the starting rate in the old contract, since there is no new contract as of yet.

**Jeff Hoffman –
Board of Health**

Mr. Hoffman stated that Flick International was fined for not having the proper food handler.

He also stated that in Park Ridge they are taking lead and copper samples from older homes.

Mr. Hoffman participated in the Hackensack RiverKeepers annual kayak race and did not come in last!

**Joanne Howley –
Parks and Recreation**

Reported that Baseball and Softball have ended their 2010 seasons. Softball had their annual Barbecue last Friday and it was very well attended.

Dare National Night out is scheduled for August 3rd at 5:00 p.m. at the Old Mill. This involves Park Ridge and Montvale, in addition to Woodcliff Lake. Last year the crowd exceeded 3000 people, more are expected this year. There will also be an antique car show this year. Volunteers are needed. The CERT team will be activated. Mrs. Howley stated that this activity is supported by donations only, no public money.

OLD BUSINESS:

Woodcliff Lake Day:

Mr. Bader spoke regarding Woodcliff Lake Day and the memo he received regarding the amount of food ordered for the day. Only 700 hamburgers and 600 hotdogs have been ordered. He feels that this is not enough and that it is not the message we want to send to the residents. This is not a 'for profit' event', it has always been a loss. A motion to price hamburgers and cheeseburgers at \$2.00 and hotdogs at \$1.00, and to order additional food, was made as follows:

ROLL CALL:

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

All other food items will be sold at the same cost as last year. Soda and Ice cream will be sold at the concession stand with a commission paid to the Borough.

Lightning Detection System:

Mr. Camella asked Administrator Sandve for an update on the lightning detection system. The Administrator stated that he has had a conversation with the company who has told him that if a station is installed in Woodcliff Lake that should alleviate the current problem. Mr. Bader stated that he would like a guarantee and that if it doesn't work we should get rid of it and get the Borough's money back. A motion was made to authorize the \$1,500.00 expense for the station in Woodcliff Lake with a guarantee.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Mr. Rosenblatt

Electric Sign back up:

Mr. Hoffman asked the Administrator if a back up person has been picked for working the electric sign in the case of an emergency in the absence of the Administrator. Mr. Glaser stated that he has been having discussions regarding this with OEM. Mr. Camella thinks the back up should be OEM or with the Police Department. He has spoken with the Chief about this and the Chief thinks it is a great idea. Mr. Glaser suggested that a sub-committee discuss this. A motion was made by Mr. Hoffman that one month from today the OEM Deputy Coordinator, Lt. Lyle Garcia, be trained to operate the electronic sign for emergency purposes. The system will be installed in the Police Department for this purpose.

ROLL CALL:

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

Goals and Objectives:

The 2010 Goals and Objectives were given out at the last Mayor and Council meeting. It was stated that Mr. Rosenblatt wanted Field Maintenance by himself and that he wanted to be involved in the PBA Negotiations. Mr. Camella would like to leave the listing as it was. Mr. Glaser would like to see an outline and a timetable for each project. The Administrator stated that this will be done for the next meeting. Mr. Bader asked Mayor LaPaglia if he is satisfied with the Goals and Objectives as they are for 2010. Mr. Bader was concerned that the Mayor would receive criticism from certain people involved. A motion was made to adopt the 2010 Goals and Objectives as previously presented.

ROLL CALL:

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

A revised list with status on all will be distributed to the Mayor and all Councilpersons for 2009 and 2010.

Leasing of Borough Property:

A discussion was held on whether or not to lease the Freedman property. Mrs. Howley has decided that she is no longer in favor of leasing this property. She is concerned with control over the tenant. Mr. Camella does not want to lease this property. Mr. Bader asked about the cost of carrying this house month to month. He was told that the cost of electric is about \$3,000.00 a year. Mr. Bader asked about going to the next step which is the bid process. Mr. Camella asked if we can reject all bids. The Mayor feels that we should go through with the bid process and not pass on this opportunity to make money for the Borough. Attorney Madaio stated that the next step is to do a Request for Proposal. An informal polling of the Mayor and Council was taken with the following results:

Mr. Bader	Go to the next step
Mr. Camella	Not in favor of going to the next step
Mr. Glaser	Go to the next step
Mrs. Howley	Go to the next step
Mr. Hoffman	Go to the next step

Attorney Madaio stated that the bid documents that he will prepare will say "subject to Standard background check"

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for Waiver of Pool Membership Fees:

Mrs. Howley stated that she had been contacted regarding a resident with a current financial hardship looking for a free pool membership for her and her family. Mrs. Howley feels that this resident probably needs it and feels that this should be approved. Administrator Sandve stated that he has received many requests for free pool memberships, including one from this resident. Mr. Camella feels that these types of requests should be referred to Kathy Bowen, our Welfare Director. Mr. Bader agrees with this. Attorney Madaio stated that the Council would have to vote on these requests and the Borough cannot give away borough property, which is what a pool membership is. He also added that even if Mrs. Bowen recommends a free membership, it still must be voted on by the Mayor and Council.

Additional Discussion:

Jeff Bader stated that he will be on vacation for the next council meeting which is scheduled for July 12th. He also stated that Mrs. Howley and Mr. Hoffman will be away. He would like the meeting moved to July 19th. The Administrator stated that he cannot make it if the meeting is changed to July 19th. The Mayor advised waiting at this time to change the meeting date and asked the Administrator to make sure that the agenda for July is limited in regard to action being taken.

The meeting was opened to the public on a motion from Mr. Glaser, seconded by Mr. Camella and carried.

Kevin O'Brien – 227 Pascack Road – Mr. O'Brien spoke regarding the rental of the Hathaway home. He asked if we are able to rent the doctor's home. Mr. O'Brien was told yes.

Mr. O'Brien asked what the topic of the June 7th closed session meeting was. He was told by Borough Attorney Madaio that the topic was indemnification and that the minutes are not available for release as of yet. The Attorney also stated that a resolution will be on the next agenda. Mr. O'Brien added that he has done an OPRA request for Borough Ordinance 18-6 regarding indemnification and has not received a response as of yet.

Mr. O'Brien spoke regarding e-mail training in 2007. It was stated that Attorney Paul Kaufman is representing the Borough in this litigation. Mr. O'Brien would like to settle and resolve this matter. The Mayor stated that he discussed Mr. O'Brien's offer with the Council.

Kevin O'Brien stated that he felt uncomfortable with being confronted outside after the last council meeting. He mentioned that police reports were filed and asked what the Mayor plans to do about it. The Borough Attorney will review the reports that were filed.

Josephine Higgins – 10 Pond Road - Mrs. Higgins asked the Borough Attorney if the rental bids could be limited to our volunteers. She is concerned with the fact that we are losing volunteers since they cannot afford to live in Woodcliff Lake. Mr. Madaio stated no, that bids could not be limited to certain groups of people.

Diane Mautz – 192 Pascack Road - Mrs. Mautz stated that she happened to be in her backyard when the last council meeting ended. She stated that what she heard was not a one way conversation and that the comments made by Mr. O'Brien were also heard.

Nick Letizia – 74 Heritage Court – Mr. Letizia asked how long it is going to take to have the kiddie pool and the 10 tires removed from his neighbors property. The Administrator stated that there is resolution on this agenda relating to this.

Mr. Letizia also stated that he has had tree limbs on his front yard for 4 months and wonders when they will be picked up. He asked why he is paying taxes!?

Mr. Letizia stated that the recent controversy related to Mrs. Howley is a personal attack by Mr. Rosenblatt. He stated that he thought it was totally inappropriate for Mr.

Rosenblatt to make the statement that he made at the meeting regarding Mrs. Howley.

Mr. Madaio asked him to provide documentation where it says that he can stop an elected official from talking at a public meeting.

Mr. Letizia asked if the Borough is collecting sales tax at Woodcliff Lake Day. He also added that Mrs. Howley has 25 plus years of dedicated service to this Borough and that this situation is despicable and disgusting, worse than a witch-hunt. Mr. Letizia inquired if Woodcliff Lake Day would be as successful without the involvement of Mrs. Howley. He stated that the Mayor and Council should be ashamed of themselves.

Mr. Letizia stated that about 3 months ago he asked for an analysis of legal fees of the Borough. He has not received it as of yet.

Tony DeVito – 8 Oakwood – Mentioned that the Mayor and Council should become familiar with Roberts Rules of Order. Also stated that the past meetings have been shameful!

A discussion was held regarding the order of voting at the Mayor and Council meetings. Mr. Bader requested that this be put on the next agenda for discussion.

All council members were reminded not to forget the new procedures regarding purchase orders.

The meeting was closed to the public on a motion from Mr. Camella, seconded by Mr. Glaser and carried.

CONSENT AGENDA DISCUSSION:

Number 9 was added to the consent agenda: Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the revised deed for the Freedman property for Green Acres. Mrs. Howley asked if Item number 7 was for an ice cream vendor. She was told yes. Regarding item number 3 – Cancellation of old payroll checks, Mrs. Howley stated that her grandson is on that list and can the checks be re-issued. This will be researched.

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:

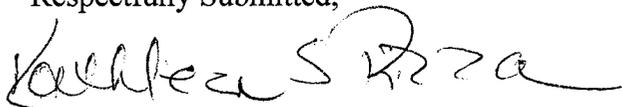
A motion to approve the consent agenda, as amended, was made by Mr. Bader, seconded by Mr. Camella and carried by all present as follows:

ROLL CALL:

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

This regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was adjourned on a motion from Mr. Camella, seconded by Mr. Hoffman, and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathleen S. Rizza, Substituting Secretary