

**BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
March 18, 2013**

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 Jeffrey R. Goldsmith asked for a roll call. Council members Abene, Bae, Bader, Bloom, Gadaleta and Rosenblatt were present. For the Borough Attorney, partner Marc Leibman, Administrator/Acting Borough Clerk Albrecht and Deputy Borough Clerk Dakin were also present.

Mayor Goldsmith recognized additional professional staff in the audience, CFO Harold Laufeld, Brian Golick of Sterling and Sterling, Risk Managers, and Mike Neglia of Neglia Engineering.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Eric Gunderson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of a Mayor and Council Meeting on February 20, 2013, copies of which have been received by all Councilpersons, were pulled by Mayor Goldsmith and are not ready for approval.

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of a Closed Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council Meeting on February 20, 2013, copies of which have been received by all Councilpersons, were pulled by Mayor Goldsmith and are not ready for approval.

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of a Mayor and Council Meeting on March 4, 2013, are not yet ready for approval.

**PRESENTATION BY ERIC GUNDERSON, SUPERINTENDENT OF PASCACK VALLEY
REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration/Finance	DONNA ABENE/Eric Bloom
DPW & Roads/Sewers & Sanitation, Ecology	DONNA ABENE/Jeffrey Bader
Parks & Recreation	ERIC BLOOM/Jacqueline Gadaleta
Public Safety/Police/OEM/TriBoro	ROBERT ROSENBLATT/Eric Bloom
Buildings & Grounds/Building Dept.	ROBERT ROSENBLATT/Jacqueline Gadaleta
Board of Health, Mental Health & Welfare	JEFFREY BADER/Jean Bae
Education (elementary) (high)	JEAN BAE/Donna Abene JACQUELINE GADALETA/Jean Bae
Public Information, Newsletters, Ordinances	JEAN BAE/Robert Rosenblatt
Fire – Volunteer/Fire Prevention	JACQUELINE GADALETA/Jeffrey Bader
Library	ERIC BLOOM/Robert Rosenblatt
Senior Citizens' Program	DONNA ABENE/Jacqueline Gadaleta

Due to the snow storm, Committee reports were postponed.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Library Fee Policy – discussion led by Councilman Bloom

Councilman Bloom briefly reported that conversations have occurred with Hillsdale regarding library membership fees. Hillsdale Library has indicated their willingness to assist the Borough in designing a reduced senior rate. Councilman Bloom further stated that any proposal would be within the parameters of our Budget. Additional information will be forthcoming from the Library Committee, perhaps as early as April 1st.

- Retiree Health Benefits

The Borough discussed rescinding or modifying the Chapter 88 Resolution and Addendum previously adopted in 1976 which provides retirees lifetime health benefits to members of the PERS and PFRS who have achieved or reached 25 years of pension credit, regardless of the municipality or government agency,

and the prerequisite age. These eligible individuals, regardless of where their pension credit accumulated, would receive lifetime health benefits upon retirement from Woodcliff Lake.

By rescinding the previously adopted Chapter 88 Resolution, the Borough would prospectively eliminate retiree health benefits. Woodcliff Lake is required to provide lifetime health benefits to existing retirees and all others that have met the requirements previously mentioned.

At the end of the discussion, Councilman Bader asked the Council to discuss or consider a modification for current employees who have not reached, but may be close, to the prerequisite years of pension credit, but shy of the 25 years.

Introduction of Ordinance 13-01

**Be It Resolved That the Ordinance Entitled,
"Bond Ordinance to Authorize the Making of Various Public Improvements and the Acquisition of
New, Additional or Replacement Equipment and Machinery, New Information Technology
Equipment and a New Automotive Vehicle, Including Original Apparatus and Equipment,
in, by and for the Borough of Woodcliff Lake, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey,
to Appropriate the Sum of \$1,570,000 to Pay the Cost Thereof, to Make a Down Payment, to
Appropriate Borough Trust Funds, to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds to Finance Such
Appropriation and to Provide for the Issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes in Anticipation of
the Issuance of Such Bonds".**

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 1st day of April, 2013 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 any opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance, and that the Acting 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: Mrs. Abene
Second: Mr. Bloom
Ayes: Mrs. Gadaleta, Mr. Rosenblatt, Mrs. Abene, Mr. Bloom
Nays: Mr. Bader, Mrs. Bae
Abstain: None
Absent: None

A discussion of the merits of the Bond Ordinance took place. There were additional brief comments. Councilman Bader commented that the Bond Ordinance introduction was premature. Councilman Bader stated he supports the projects, but questions whether we can afford this bond given the tax appeals in front of the Borough. Mayor Goldsmith asked the CFO if the preliminary budget could handle the Bond Ordinance as introduced. The CFO indicated that the preliminary budget had the prerequisite down payment. Councilwoman Bae expressed her concerns regarding the number of roads in the Bond. Council President Rosenblatt commented on the poor condition of the roads within the Borough and his support of the Bond Ordinance.

Mayor Goldsmith reported that the DPW had not received any negative phone calls concerning the Bond Ordinance. Borough Administrator Albrecht reported no negative, only positive phone calls concerning the Bond Ordinance.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Goldsmith made introductory remarks. Due to the severe snow weather, the Mayor indicated he would limit his remarks and submit his report.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

Mr. DiVito commended the Mayor and Council on the Chapter 88 to Chapter 48 change. Mr. DiVito also commented on the 2013 Road Paving Program.

Mr. Glaser commented on the purchase of two (2) police vehicles indicating he did not see the need for two vehicles since he had worked hard, as a former councilman, to limit the purchase of police vehicles in the last three years to one per year.

Motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Rosenblatt, second by Mrs. Gadaleta, and approved unanimously by voice call vote.

CONSENT AGENDA DISCUSSION

Consent Agenda Items 12 and 13 were pulled for separate vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 12 AND 13

ROLL CALL:

Introduce: Mr. Rosenblatt
Second: Mrs. Abene
Ayes: Mrs. Abene, Mr. Bader, Mrs. Bae, Mr. Bloom, Mrs. Gadaleta, Mr. Rosenblatt
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE (minus items 12 and 13)

ROLL CALL:

Introduce: Mr. Rosenblatt
Second: Mrs. Gadaleta
Ayes: Mrs. Abene, Mr. Bader, Mrs. Bae, Mr. Bloom, Mrs. Gadaleta, Mr. Rosenblatt
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

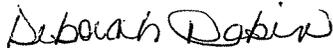
ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Borough Clerk left at 10:10 pm due to weather conditions. Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Wolfgang Albrecht
Acting Borough Clerk



Deborah Dakin
Deputy Borough Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA – March 18, 2013

1. Payroll, page 5
2. Authority to Pay Claims, page 5
3. Resolution Authorizing the Green Communities 2013 Application, page 5
4. Resolution Authorizing Preventive Maintenance Agreement for all Borough Generators, page 6
5. Temporary Budget Appropriation, page 6
6. Appointment of Acting Borough Clerk, page 7
7. 2012 Budget Transfers for March 18, 2013, page 8
8. Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract for Pascack Valley Cooperative Pricing System, page 8
9. Resolution Authorizing Purchase of 2 Police Vehicles Off-State Contract, page 9
10. Resolution Authorizing a Refund of Overpayment of Taxes for 4 Andrea Court, page 10
11. Resolution Authorizing a Refund of Overpayment of Taxes for 15 Reeds Lane, page 10
12. Resolution to Adopt the Provisions of Chapter 48 (N.J.S.A. 52:14.17.38), page 11
13. Resolution Rescinding Retiree Health Coverage for Non-Union Employees, to the Extent Permitted by Law, page 11
14. Resolution Authorizing Temporary Capital Budget, page 12