BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE
SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
January 13, 2014
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Notice of this meeting, in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Law, 1975, C. "231", has been posted at Borough Hall on January 8, 2014, and two newspapers, The Record and The Ridgewood News, were notified on January 8, 2014.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Jeffrey Goldsmith asked for a roll call. Council members Abene, Belgiovine,Gadaleta and Rendo were present. Councilman Bloom and Councilman Rosenblatt were absent. Jaime Placek was present for Borough Attorney Paul Kaufman as well as Interim Administrator Thomas Richards and Acting Borough Clerk Deborah Dakin.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Administrator Thomas Richards.

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HOLDING OF CLOSED SESSION
JANUARY 13, 2014
RESOLUTION NO. 14-17

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b), may meet in closed session; and

WHEREAS, the following is the subject matter to be discussed in closed session:

1. Potential police hires

WHEREAS, these Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the aforementioned no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council may take formal action at the Special Meeting. Any action shall be taken in open session.

ROLL CALL:

Introduction:	Mr. Rendo
Second:	Mrs. Abene
Ayes:	Mrs. Abene, Mr. Belgiovine, Mrs. Gadaleta, Mr. Rendo
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Mr. Bloom, Mr. Rosenblatt

CERTIFICATION

I, Deborah Dakin, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake in the County of Bergen and the State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true copy of the original resolution duly passed and adopted by the Mayor and Council at the meeting of January 13, 2014.

DEBORAH DAKIN
ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

Motion go back into open session was made by Councilwoman Abene, seconded by Councilman Rendo and approved unanimously by voice call vote.

BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE
RESOLUTION NO. 14-18
JANUARY 13, 2014

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT TO ERIC INGOGLIA AS POLICE OFFICER IN THE BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Woodcliff Lake has conducted a hiring process for a new police officer in the Borough of Woodcliff Lake, which has included written applications, interviews, and background checks; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Woodcliff Lake has identified a candidate for offer of employment, Eric Ingoglia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ingoglia will complete the police academy prior to becoming a permanent officer in the Borough of Woodcliff Lake; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of Mr. Ingoglia is both subject to mental and physical examinations and the appointment may be revoked on the basis of unsuccessful completion of either examination; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that: (1) Eric Ingoglia is appointed as a probationary police officer in the Borough of Woodcliff Lake, subject to mental and physical examination; (2) Eric Ingoglia's probationary period shall conclude one year of date of hire at which time he will be become a permanent police officer; (3) upon Mr. Ingoglia's successful completion of the mental and physical examination, the Borough of Woodcliff Lake's Police Chief shall certify Eric Ingoglia for entrance into the police academy pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:1-8.1(a) and (4) the starting salary is $35,000.00.

ROLL CALL:

Introduction:	Mrs. Abene (as amended)
Second:	Mrs. Gadaleta (as amended)
Ayes:	Mrs. Abene, Mr. Belgiovine, Mrs. Gadaleta, Mr. Rendo
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Mr. Bloom, Mr. Rosenblatt

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Request by Albrecht for legal counsel at his deposition

The Mayor stated that he received several phone calls from Wolfgang Albrecht asking for the

Borough to provide legal representation with regards to the Barbara Potash lawsuit.

Jaime Placek, responded that the Borough is not obligated to provide legal representation and normally legal representation is not necessary when you are called as a fact witness .

Councilwoman Donna Abene asked if Mr. Placek knew how long the depositions may take.

Mr. Placek could not guess at that. Mr. Albrecht's testimony "is what is" and the role of any attorney is limited. This deposition is a fact finding experience.

Councilwoman Gadaleta asked if an attorney can give advice on what to say. Mr. Placek responded that an attorney cannot speak to an individual during a deposition.

Councilwoman Gadaleta asked if it would be advisable to have an attorney give advice ahead of time.

Councilwoman Abene stated that Mr. Albrecht was an employee at the Borough when this lawsuit first came about.

The Mayor asked if we should ask Mark Madaio to see if he would be available and willing to represent Mr. Albrecht. He also asked if we should put a cap on the amount of hours to represent him.

Councilman Rendo felt that we should not put a cap on the amount of hours, but a cap on the price per hour.

Mr. Placek stated that we need to see if Mr. Madaio is listed as a fact witness in the case. If he is, then he cannot represent Mr. Albrecht.

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Abene, seconded by Councilwoman Gadaleta and unanimously approved to have our Borough Attorney draw up a Resolution to appoint an attorney to represent Wolfgang Albrecht during depositions for the Barbara Potash lawsuit.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Motion was made by Councilwoman Gadaleta to open to the public, seconded by Councilman Belgiovine and approved unanimously.

Motion to close to the public was made by Councilwoman Gadaleta, seconded by Councilman Rendo and approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Rendo, seconded by Councilman Belgiovine and approved unanimously at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Dakin

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Acting Borough Clerk