BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
January 24, 2017
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Notice of this meeting, in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Law, 1975, C. "231", was posted at the Borough Hall on January 19, 2017 and two newspapers, The Record and The Ridgewood News, were notified on January 19, 2017.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Carlos Rendo asked for a roll call. Council members Belgiovine, Hayes, Herrington and Panso were present. Borough Attorney Ron Dario was present, as well as Borough Administrator Tomas Padilla and Borough Clerk Debbie Dakin. Councilwoman Gadaleta was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION to open to the public was made by Councilman Belgiovine, seconded by Council President Panso and unanimously approved.

Joseph LaPaglia, Woodcliff Lake, asked if the Council was voting on a new Council member tonight. Mayor Rendo replied yes.

MOTION to close to the public was made by Councilman Belgiovine, seconded by Council President Panso and unanimously approved.

Mayor Rendo stated that Borough Clerk Dakin received a memo from the Woodcliff Lake Municipal County Committee giving three candidates names that were recommended and received votes for placement on the submission list to the Council. Ms. Dakin forwarded the memo to the Mayor and Council prior to this meeting and confirmed that all three are registered

Republicans. The three candidates were Paul Piantino, Jean Bae and Bernadette Scoccimaro.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 17-37 Resolution Appointing a New Council Member

MOTION to Introduce Resolution No. 17-37 was made by Council President Panso and seconded by Councilman Belgiovine. Mr. Dario asked if there was a motion to nominate one of the three names that was on the list.

MOTION to appoint Paul Piantino was made by Councilman Belgiovine and seconded by Council President Panso.

ROLL CALL:

Introduction:	Mr. Belgiovine
Second:	Mr. Panso
Ayes:	Mr. Belgiovine, Mr. Herrington, Mr. Panso
Nays:	Mrs. Hayes
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Mrs. Gadaleta

Councilwoman Hayes read a comment into the record. Councilwoman Hayes stated that we are all in receipt of the memo from the Municipal Committee outlining, not only the three names that were just mentioned, but also six of the eight Committee members that voted. In the spirit of open and transparency, Ms. Hayes knows that 3 of the 6 members that voted are also Mrs. Rendo, Mrs. Belgiovine and Mrs. Piantino. Ms. Hayes stated that she wants to go on the record for saying that Mr. and Mrs. Piantino are her neighbors and are lovely. She has known Mrs. Piantino for quite a bit and Mr. Piantino has a phenomenal resume. His skill sets are exactly what we need up here on the dais as a litigator and he will be a great asset. Ms. Hayes also stated that everyone knows how she feels about Mrs. Rendo and Mrs. Belgiovine. Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Belgiovine have been friends for quite some time. She knows also firsthand that when these positions were open on the Municipal Committee, she contacted several residents and got nowhere unfortunately. She thinks that these nice ladies were good enough to step up and take these positions. She wants that out there and known to the public. With that said, at first glance, when she first got this memo from Mr. Glaser, there does seem to be an appearance of a conflict of interest and that does not make her feel so comfortable. To avoid any appearance of any potential conflict, Mrs. Hayes vote will be with Jean Bae.

Mr. Dario stated for the record that there is no conflict with that.

Mayor Rendo congratulated Mr. Piantino in case he was watching on the television and Mr. Piantino will be sworn in by Mayor Rendo tomorrow.

Mayor Rendo thanked Jean Bae and Bernadette Scoccimaro for throwing their names in the hat. It is not always easy to come forth and work in public service. We thank you on behalf of the Borough.

Administrator Padilla stated that Resolutions No. 17-38 and 39 pertain to our closed session, but if it is okay we should do Resolution No. 17-40 now while we are in open session. This resolution is to submit for a grant application for Department of Transportation – Municipal Aide for Shaw Road. Mr. Padilla worked with our public works, our engineer and grant writer. This is an application for a grant which is highly competitive and we looked at all of our roads that may be eligible and this particular road gives us our best opportunity for our grant writer and our engineer to possibly win the award. We could then get that road up to the same standards as the surrounding roads that were done recently.

Council President Panso asked what made us choose Shaw Road. Mr. Padilla stated that they look at a lot of factors and a lot of it is traffic. They want highly travelled roads.

Councilman Belgiovine stated that there were 3 roads that the engineers put forth. Most of our connecting roads in town are really County roads. This was one road that connected a major road where we see a lot of traffic that comes from Werimus to the schools so the engineer thought this would be the highest opportunity.

Administrator Padilla stated that this is the same grant that we got the money for Harriet. Because of the location of Harriet with the mall, the corporate area and to highly used roads we were able to leverage that for the grant. The reason the Resolution has to be on tonight is because the grant application is due by February 3, 2017.

Resolution No. 17-40 Resolution Approving the Submission of a 2017 New Jersey Department of Transportation – Municipal Aid Grant Application and Execution of a Grant Agreement for Shaw Road Improvement Project

ROLL CALL:

Introduction: Mrs. Hayes
Second: Mrs. Herrington
Ayes: Mr. Belgiovine, Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Herrington, Mr. Panso
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mrs. Gadaleta

Resolution No. 17-38 Resolution Authorizing the Holding of Closed Session

ROLL CALL:

Introduction: Mr. Panso
Second: Mr. Belgiovine
Ayes: Mr. Belgiovine, Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Herrington, Mr. Panso
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mrs. Gadaleta

Mr. Dario stated to Sgt. Jennings that in closed session discussion we talked about a grievance that is pending. The Borough has to rule on that grievance within a certain time frame unless you consent to give the Borough an additional 15 days to rule on that grievance. Sgt. Jennings stated that it is correct.

Resolution No. 17-39 Authorization for the Borough of Woodcliff Lake Staff to Process an Involuntary Disability Retirement Application

ROLL CALL:

Introduction:	Mr. Panso
Second:	Mr. Belgiovine
Ayes:	Mr. Belgiovine, Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Panso
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Mrs. Gadaleta, Mrs. Herrington

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn was made by Councilman Belgiovine, seconded by Council President Panso and unanimously approved by voice call vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Dakin

Deborah Dakin, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

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RESOLUTION APPOINTING NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

RESOLUTION NO. 17-37
January 24, 2017

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy on Borough Council; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:16 -11, et seq. allows the Mayor and Council to select from a list provided by the party affiliated with the vacancy and appoint a new councilmember; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have received Nominations from the County Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake that Paul Piantino is hereby appointed to Borough Council and shall fill the vacancy until the next general election.

ROLL CALL:

Introduction:	Mr. Panso
Second:	Mr. Belgiovine
Ayes:	Mr. Belgiovine, Mr. Herrington, Mr. Panso
Nays:	Mrs. Hayes
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Mrs. Gadaleta

CERTIFICATION

I, Deborah Dakin, 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 Governing Body at the meeting of January 24, 2017.

Deborah Dakin

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HOLDING OF CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 17-38
January 24, 2017

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. Personnel Matter

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 FURTHER RESOLVED that formal action may be taken at the Meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Introduction:	Mr. Panso
Second:	Mr. Belgiovine
Ayes:	Mr. Belgiovine, Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Herrington, Mr. Panso
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Mrs. Gadaleta

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AUTHORIZATION FOR THE BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE STAFF TO PROCESS AN INVOLUNTARY DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION

RESOLUTION NO. 17-39
January 24, 2017

WHEREAS, the Borough of Woodcliff Lake has employed Bridget Jennings as a Sergeant with the Woodcliff Lake Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Bridget Jennings is an active member of the POLICE AND FIREMEN'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PFRS); and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Bridget Jennings has 21 years and 6 months of PFRS Service Credit, meeting the minimum service credit requirement of at least 4 years for PFRS members; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Woodcliff Lake staff is of the opinion that the Sgt. Bridget Jennings is totally and permanently disabled and can no longer perform her assigned duties based on the documentation supplied by professionals retained by the Borough of Woodcliff Lake Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Woodcliff Lake is unable to provide an alternative to the PFRS covered position with duties capable of being performed by said Sgt. Bridget Jennings; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake has consented to the processing of the Involuntary Disability Retirement application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake that the administrator of Borough of Woodcliff Lake process an Involuntary Disability Retirement application for Sgt. Bridget Jennings from the Borough of Woodcliff Lake Police Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to all parties involved in the administration of this action. Certified as a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake.

ROLL CALL:

Introduction:	Mr. Panso
Second:	Mr. Belgiovine
Ayes:	Mr. Belgiovine, Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Panso
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Mrs. Gadaleta, Mrs. Herrington

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RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A 2017 NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – MUNICIPAL AID GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT FOR SHAW ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Resolution No. 17-40
January 24, 2017

WHEREAS, the Borough of Woodcliff Lake wishes to apply for and obtain funding through the New Jersey Department of Transportation – Municipal Aid grant program for the completion of the Shaw Road Improvement Project.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as "MA-2017-Shaw Road Improvement Project-00387" to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and 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 conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

ROLL CALL:

Introduction:	Mr. Panso
Second:	Mr. Belgiovine
Ayes:	Mr. Belgiovine, Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Herrington, Mr. Panso
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Mrs. Gadaleta

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