

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

**October 1, 2012**

**8:00 p.m.**

**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, Glaser, Struk and Rosenblatt were present. Attorney Madaio, Administrator Albrecht and Borough Clerk Sciara were also present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. Gina Waluk, coach of the Woodcliff Lake Lakers Swim Team.

**PRESENTATION.**

**NOTICE OF MEETING PLACE CHANGE  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 1, 2012  
BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE**

Please be advised in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law, notice is being given that the regular scheduled Mayor and Council Meeting of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake announced at the Reorganization Meeting of January 1, 2012 has been changed as follows:

8:00 – 8:45 P.M.

Meeting will convene at the Woodcliff Lake Fire Department, 186 Pascack Road

Meeting will be adjourned for 15 minutes

9:00 – 11:00

Meeting will be reopened at Borough Hall, 188 Pascack Road

The reason for this change is to accommodate a large crowd for a presentation only. No official business will be conducted at the Woodcliff Lake Fire House.

Mayor Goldsmith presented each member of the Woodcliff Lake Lakers Swim Team a proclamation.

### **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Woodcliff Lakers Swim Team program provides children ages 5-17 exposure to competitive swimming in a fun environment, enabled by professional coaching and swimming instruction; and

**WHEREAS**, swimming has long been recognized as one of the best overall conditioning activities and is a great way to have fun, exercise and prepare for other sports; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lakers participates in the Central Bergen County Summer Swim League and competes against the following Bergen County Towns: Ridgefield/Ridgefield Park, Hasbrouck Heights, River Edge and Waldwick; and

**WHEREAS**, this past season the Lakers are very proud of their 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the Championship Meet held at the Old Mill Pool.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake commend the 2012 Woodcliff Lakers Swim Team for their wonderful season; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council wish each athlete much continued success with their swimming and in all future endeavors.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

**RESOLVED**, that the Minutes of the **of the Mayor and Council meeting of September 19, 2012** copies of which have been received by all Councilpersons, are hereby approved as presented.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

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

Mayor Goldsmith asked that the letter of resignation given to the Board of Education by Mrs. Bae be forwarded to the Clerk's office for her files.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

#### **Intersection Improvements at Woodcliff Avenue and Werimus Road**

The County has advised Boswell that they would like to dovetail this project along with the Improvements with Chestnut Ridge Road/Saddler River Road Project. Boswell submitted an updated/revised design drawing to Gary Ascolese, Assistant Bergen County Engineer. Mr. Ascolese advised that now he needs to determine how much money will be remaining from the Chestnut Ridge Road/Saddle River Road Project to fund this project. Boswell is awaiting a response from Mr. Ascolese regarding the project funding amount. Boswell will evaluate the budget to determine if additional funds are required due to the number of alternate designs that

have been proposed and number of meetings attended in order to try to accommodate the resident's concerns.

### **Improvements to Chestnut Ridge Road and Saddle River Road**

The project is under construction and being inspected by Bergen County.

### **2013 NJDOT Local Aid Grant Application Package**

Boswell is in the process of completing the above referenced application for Mill Road, from Pascack Road to Woodcliff Avenue and will be submitting said application to the NJDOT on the Borough's behalf.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that the Borough still needs to work on the light at Woodcliff Avenue and Broadway. Gary Ascolese has stated that the only way to fix this problematic intersection is to realign the intersection. This would entail NJ Transit moving the operation to the south. This would cost millions of dollars. Chief Jannicelli was going to meet with the County. Mr. Bader stated however, that the work done at this intersection is the "best of the worst". Mr. Bader suggested that we need an expert to look at this intersection with new eyes.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that we have a traffic planner used by the Zoning/Planning Board. They are not on retainer. Mr. Bader and Mr. Glaser stated that the administrator and borough clerk should review documents in Borough Hall on this intersection. The Tri-Boro Traffic Study should be reviewed.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

### **Borough Hall Boiler Replacement Project**

Resolution to Award Contract for Installation of Boiler is on tonight's consent agenda. Work to begin immediately.

### **Best Practices Inventory**

Best Practices Inventory has been submitted to the State by CFO Laufeld via on-line. As per statute, all council members have been made aware of this report and the Borough Clerk will mail certification to the State tomorrow.

### **Sustainable Jersey Initiative**

Administrator Albrecht thanked Councilwoman Abene for her enthusiasm and dedication to this initiative. LED bulbs pilot project has been in progress. Light bulbs around the perimeter of Borough Hall have been changed saving the Borough in electricity costs per month.

A Green Purchasing Policy and a Cut it and Leave It Policy are on tonight's consent agenda in following with the Borough's commitment to preserve our environment.

### **Werimus and Woodcliff – update**

Administrator Albrecht thanked Mr. Sachs for his updates and dialogue with the resident.

### **2013 NJDOT Local Aid Grant Application – Submitted**

Administrator Albrecht thanked Mr. Sachs for submitting the application through the SAGE on-line process.

**Funding of Pascack Valley Regional High School Funding Inequity Study**

This subject will be discussed later on during the meeting.

**Improvements at Old Mill Pond Swim Area – Update - \$43K Savings**

The DPW and Recreation Department have come together made improvements to the Old Mill for next year's pool season. By doing the improvements in-house, the Borough has saved approximately \$43,000 from initial cost estimates. "Kudos to our team". Mr. Rosenblatt asked if fill could be used to build up the stairway by the guard stand. Administrator Albrecht stated that if/when materials become available and is certified, free fill will be used when possible.

**OLD BUSINESS.**

**Authorization to Vito Gagliardi, Esq. re: Pascack Valley Regional High School Funding Equity Formula**

At the last meeting, discussion came up about funding the feasibility study that must be submitted by 12-31-12 to the County. Subsequently, we have a wait and see what the Mayor and Council of Montvale ultimately decide on this issue. To date, we have not met with any representatives from Montvale.

Mr. Bader asked that the C FO certify that funds are available before he would vote on this issue. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he had asked for \$25,000 to be put into the 2012 budget for this issue. The Finance Department trimmed this request to \$15,000. To date, we have paid less than \$700.00 to Vito Gagliardi, Esq. The Finance Department met last Friday to discuss this and other issues. The study will cost \$40,000.00. The CFO has certified as to the \$15,000.00. The unanimous recommendation of the Finance Committee was to authorize an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$30,000 which would be listed as a line item in the 2013 budget. The Borough does not expect more than an additional \$1,000.00 in legal bills from Mr. Gagliardi.

Attorney Madaio stated that we have had the entire cost of this issue dropped into our lap in the last 30 days. He has no problem considering this appropriation emergent in nature as we thought we had a partner. "We either fund this or walk away".

Mr. Struk stated that he would like to move forward with this issue.

Mr. Bader asked that this emergency appropriation resolution be removed from the consent agenda for a separate vote. The passage of this Resolution requires a super majority and we have to send a message to our neighbors that "we are committed and whatever it takes, we are locked in arms in this decision".

Motion to remove consent agenda item #8 for a separate vote was made by Mr. Bader, second by Mr. Glaser

**ROLL CALL:**

Introduce: Mr. Bader  
 Second: Mr. Glaser  
 Ayes: Mr. Struk, Mr. Rosenblatt, Mr. Struk, Mrs. Abene, Mr. Bader  
 Nays: None  
 Abstain: None  
 Absent: None

Motion to approve Consent Agenda #8, Resolution Authorizing Emergency Appropriation was made by Mr. Bader, second by Mr. Rosenblatt.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Vote to Authorize to approve rate increase from Park Ridge Board of Public Works**

Last month the Mayor and Council of Woodcliff Lake had a spirited discussion with our vendor Park Ridge Water. Everyone expressed their acknowledgement that Park Ridge has been a good water provider. They have not requested any increase in rates for 15 years. The Park Ridge Board of Public Works came before this Council to give a presentation on the need for a 20% increase. The Mayor stated that this increase is unacceptable. However, Woodcliff Lake has to be fair and equitable. We are asking the residents of Hillsdale and Riverdale to be equitable and reasonable with the PVRHSD Funding Formula. Therefore, we have to be fair, equitable and reasonable to the Park Ridge Board of Public Works.

Mrs. Abene stated that the residents and the Mayor and Council want Park Ridge Water. She proposed offering Park Ridge Water a 12% rate increase with a freeze for 2 years. Motion to authorize a 12% rate increase to Park Ridge Water Company was made by Mrs. Abene, second by Mr. Rosenblatt

Mr. Bader stated that he was caught by surprise by this motion. There has to be parity between the towns. Did anyone reach out to Park Ridge? Mr. Bader continued that contract negotiations are usually done in closed session or by committee.

Mrs. Abene stated she made this motion to open dialogue with Park Ridge. The Mayor of Park Ridge expressed to Mayor Goldsmith his tremendous dissatisfaction with the manner of questions asked to Mr. Mehm. Mayor Goldsmith stated that even if Park Ridge residents accepted a 20% increase it did not mean that they could not rescind the increase and accept a 12% increase. He believes if Woodcliff Lake shows willingness to compromise, Park Ridge would be willing to negotiate. However, Mayor McGuire stated today to Mayor Goldsmith that if they do not receive the requested 20% increase, it will take 8 months to go before the Board of Public Utilities with an associated cost of approximately \$100,000.00.

Mr. Bader stated that he wants this to go before the appropriate board. Mr. Bader stated that the increase must be fair and equitable. Park Ridge Water should not be treated any differently than the telephone company or public service. No one would agree to a 20% increase from these utility companies before having a hearing before the BPU.

Mr. Rosenblatt stated that if this does go before the BPU, the costs of the hearing will be passed on to our residents. Regardless of the amount of the increase, Park Ridge Water still has the lowest water rates in the county. Mr. Rosenblatt stated that by offering a 12% increase to Park Ridge it will show that we want to continue the relationship. He agrees that a 20% increase

however is too high. He feels however that this is an excellent motion and reiterates his second to the motion.

Mrs. Abene asked what the downside of going to Park Ridge with this offer is. Mayor Goldsmith stated that there is none as we have a contract that ends in 2019.

Mr. Bader stated that he is not going to say to Park Ridge Water "Charge me more" for water. It might have been easier to vote for an increase if Park Ridge had come back and said 2% over 10 years. Mr. Bader stated that they will not turn off the water. We are not partners with Park Ridge Water. We are a customer which subsidizes their residents which reduces their tax rates.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that a committee should be formed with the ability to come up with a reasonable and equitable rate increase with Park Ridge Water. He suggested Mr. Glaser, Mrs. Abene and the borough administrator head up this committee.

Mr. Glaser stated that Park Ridge stated that we did not have to approve their rate increase. Park Ridge asked us to approve a Resolution. We tried to change the wording through the attorney's office and to date have heard nothing back from Park Ridge. He feels uncomfortable with this rate increase.

Mr. Rosenblatt would hate this to go to the BPU and have a rate increase of 30%. He does not want to lose Park Ridge water nor do the residents.

Mr. Struk stated that he was disappointed that Park Ridge Water never offered an alternative to the 20% increase. No one wants to deny Park Ridge Water a just increase. We just don't know what the fair increase is. He would like to see a full accounting.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that he was disappointed with the Park Ridge Water presentation. However, no one wants to lose Park Ridge Water.

Mr. Rosenblatt asked "What is the best we can do? 8%, 12%. What is the worse we can do? 30%". Let's settle this out of the courts". Mayor Goldsmith stated that litigation will cost as much as the increase.

**ROLL CALL:**

Introduce: Mrs. Abene  
 Second: Mr. Rosenblatt  
 Ayes:  
 Nays: Mr. Struk,

As Mr. Glaser's name was read by the Borough Clerk to record his vote, he stated that as a point of order, no one was notified beforehand of this motion. Mr. Struk stated that the vote seemed rushed. Mr. Glaser clarified that the current policy states a 48 advance notice rule. This Resolution should have been on the agenda. Mr. Glaser remembered that earlier this year, he was not allowed to affirm Woodcliff Lake's stand on a police issue because 48 hour notice was not given.

Mrs. Abene stated that to vote or not to vote is not the issue. She wants to open dialogue with Park Ridge and avoid going to court.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that we should table this vote, and put on the agenda for October 15, 2012. Mr. Rosenblatt stated that he has never witnessed the table of a vote in the middle of a vote. Attorney Madaio stated that motion to table takes precedent. Mr. Bader stated that he would not be in attendance on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he would not be at the meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, this issue will be voted on at the November 19, 2012 meeting.

Mr. Rosenblatt commented that the reason there is quorum established is for the sole purpose of being able to conduct business at any meeting. He does not feel a vote/discussion should be postponed until 6 weeks from now because all six members plus the Mayor will not be present until November 19, 2012.

### **NEW BUSINESS.**

#### **Best Practices discussion due September 28, 2012. (Submitted by H. Laufeld, CFO to State)**

As per the State, the Borough Clerk will certify and mail that the Governing Body of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake in the County of Bergen discussed the CY 2012/SFY 2013 Best Practice Inventory as prepared by the Chief Financial Officer at the public meeting on October 1, 2012.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

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

**Bert Taylor, Woodcliff Lake** stated that he appreciated the honest discussion held tonight. Mr. Taylor stated that he was surprised that a committee to negotiate the Park Ridge Water increase was not formed before now.

**Mayor Josephine Higgins, 10 Pond Road, Woodcliff Lake** stated that the fill referenced during a previous portion of the meeting is clean fill. Mayor Higgins was a member of the Planning Board when this was an issue. Mayor Higgins asked if we could retrieve the stones after the demolition of the Hatheway House. The bid specifications stated that the successful bidder could sell/auction etc. anything salvageable in the house. That is one of the reasons for the low bids.

Hearing no further comment from the public, motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Glaser, second by Mr. Bader and approved unanimously by voice call vote.

### **CONSENT AGENDA DISCUSSION.**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA VOTE.**

Motion to approve the consent agenda as amended was made by Mr. Bader, second by Mr. Rosenblatt.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Glaser, second by Mr. Rosenblatt and approved unanimously by voice call vote. The time is 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lorinda Sciara, RMC/CMC  
Borough Clerk

**CLAIMS AND BILLS.**

**Authority to Pay Claims.**

**(Consent Agenda - 1)**

**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	\$	93,399.11
Animal Control	\$	13.80
Public Assistance	\$	1,000.00
Capital	\$	57,182.00

**Payroll**

**(Consent Agenda-2)**

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

Payroll released	\$179,945.33
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**Resolution Authorizing the Flu/Pneumococcal Professional Agreement in Accordance with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA) Between Borough of Woodcliff Lake and County of Bergen** **(Consent Agenda-3)**

**WHEREAS**, this Agreement is made as of the date set forth between the Borough of Woodcliff Lake and the County of Bergen, Paramus NJ; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED** by and between the Borough of Woodcliff Lake and the County of Bergen to have the County of Bergen provide vaccines and will bill the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Bergen Department of Health Services has submitted a proposal to perform such services for the 2012-2013 flu program at a sum of \$1,000 plus an additional charge per dosage; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract is a valid contract for Professional Services which may be awarded without competitive bidding in accordance with NJSA 40A:11(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough of Woodcliff Lake that the Mayor and Borough Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the County of Bergen Department of Health Services for the 2012-2013 flu program.

**AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE DEMOLITION TO THE HATHEWAY HOUSE** (Consent Agenda- 4)

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Woodcliff Lake (“Borough”) is desirous to demolish the Hathaway House, including the 1,000 gallon underground storage tank; and

**WHEREAS**, the construction code official has solicited written proposals from three (3) qualified vendors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough received three (3) written proposals:

B. Puntasecca Contractors, Inc	\$38,000	Asbestos inspection included
KDC Kelly Donahue Contracting, Inc.	\$22,900	Asbestos inspection not included
Dave O’Donovan Excavating, Inc.	\$22,750	Asbestos inspection included

**WHEREAS**, the lowest written quote was submitted by Dave O’Donovan Excavating, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has stated that funds are available from Capital Ordinance 12-12; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator/QPA and Construction Official recommends acceptance of the written proposal from Dave O’Donovan Excavating, Inc.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Governing Body of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake hereby authorizes the Borough Administrator/QPA and Construction Official to sign an agreement, in accordance with the written proposal, with Dave O’Donovan Excavating, Inc., 35 South Third Street, Park Ridge, NJ 07656.

**AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW BOILER AT BOROUGH HALL** (Consent Agenda – 5)

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Woodcliff Lake (“Borough”) is in need of a new gas fired boiler for Borough Hall; and

**WHEREAS**, the construction code official has solicited written proposals from three (3) qualified vendors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough received three (3) written proposals:

Reiner Group, Inc.....	\$ 11,900
Van Natta Mechanical Group.....	\$ 13,850
R.J. Breitenbach .....	\$13,500

**WHEREAS**, the lowest written quote was submitted by Reiner Group, Inc. of Fair Lawn, NJ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough staff has reviewed the written proposal and determines it to be complete; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator/QPA and Construction Official recommends acceptance of the written proposal from Reiner Group, Inc..

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Governing Body of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake hereby authorizes the Borough Administrator/QPA and Construction Official to sign an agreement, in accordance with the written proposal, with Reiner Group, Inc., 11-07 River Road, P.O. Box 1128, Fair Lawn, NJ 07401.

Abene      Bader      Bae      Glaser      Rosenblatt      Struk      **Goldsmith**

**Resolution Authorizing Solicitor License to Chiachi Chen**

**WHEREAS**, Chiachi Chen has applied for a Solicitor License to the Borough Clerk's office specifically to solicit independent insurance services in the municipality of Woodcliff Lake; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department has stated that there is no reason to deny this applicant a license; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant has been advised of the rules and guidelines established in the Borough of Woodcliff Lake and the strict adherence to this policy must be followed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake authorize the Borough Clerk to issue a solicitors license to Chiachi Chen to solicit within the municipality of Woodcliff Lake.

Abene      Bader      Bae      Glaser      Rosenblatt      Struk      **Goldsmith**

**Resolution to Adopt a Green Purchasing Policy**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Woodcliff Lake strives to save tax dollars, assure clean air and water, improve working and living environments to build a community that is sustainable economically, environmentally and socially; a community which would thrive well into the new century; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Woodcliff Lake wishes to build a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future with green community initiatives which are easy to replicate and affordable to implement; and

**WHEREAS**, in an attempt to focus attention on —Green Issues, the Mayor and Council appointed a Green Team Advisory Committee (GTA) by resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Woodcliff Lake wants to continue the process of focusing on Green Issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Woodcliff Lake will begin the process of making its operations greener, and more environmentally friendly beginning with purchasing, where appropriate, green and sustainable products and conducting energy audits of the Borough's facilities and operations to pinpoint the most effective ways to reduce energy and fuel consumption; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Woodcliff Lake wishes to incorporate green purchasing where feasible and fiscally prudent;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake adopts the attached Green Purchasing Policy.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Green Purchasing Policy and Procedures will be in effect as long as they do not conflict with the Purchasing Statutes of the State of New Jersey or become cost prohibitive for the Borough.

Abene      Bader      Bae      Glaser      Rosenblatt      Struk      Goldsmith

**Resolution Authorizing Emergency Appropriation**

**(Consent Agenda- 8 )**

**WHEREAS**, an emergency has arisen with respect to perform a study on the Pascack Valley Regional High School Inequity Formula and adequate funds were not provided for in the 2012 Current Fund budget for the aforesaid purpose, and NJS 40A:4-46 provides for the creation of an emergency appropriation for the purpose mentioned above, and

**WHEREAS**, the total amount of the emergency appropriation created, including the appropriation to be created by this resolution is \$ 30,000.00 and three (3) percent of the total operating appropriations in the budget for 2012 is \$ 274,110.00 and

**WHEREAS**, the foregoing appropriation together with prior appropriations does not exceed three (3) percent of the total operating appropriations (including utility operation appropriations) in the budget for 2012.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, (by not less than 2/3 of all governing members affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with NJS 40A:4-48:

1. An emergency appropriation is hereby made for Administration – Other Expenses in the amount of \$ 30,000.00.
2. That said emergency appropriation shall be provided for in full in the 2013 budget, and is requested to be excluded from CAPS pursuant to NJS 40-45.3.c(1)
3. That two (2) certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services

**Resolution to Adopt a Green “Grass – Cut It and Leave It” Policy** (Consent Agenda- 9 )

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Woodcliff Lake strives to save tax dollars, assure clean air and water, improve working and living environments to build a community that is sustainable economically, environmentally and socially; a community which would thrive well into the new century; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Woodcliff Lake wishes to build a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future with green community initiatives which are easy to replicate and affordable to implement; and

**WHEREAS**, in an attempt to focus attention on —Green Issues, the Mayor and Council appointed a Green Team Advisory Committee (GTA) by resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Woodcliff Lake's Green Team wishes to memorialize the DPW's "Grass – Cut It and Leave It" policy; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this policy is to encourage residents to leave grass clippings on the lawn when they mow, since grass clippings provide a natural and healthy fertilizer for a growing lawn; and

**WHEREAS**, by cutting the grass at a higher level and leaving the clippings on the lawn, residents will use less water, fertilizer, and pesticides, and expose themselves to fewer toxic materials.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake adopts the "Grass – Cut It and Leave It" policy for all of its' Borough properties and encourages residents to do the same.