

An Executive Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge was called to order by Mayor Paul Sarlo at 7:10 PM on March 3, 2009 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 85 Humboldt Street Wood-Ridge, New Jersey.

<u>ROLLCALL:</u>	Mayor:	Paul A. Sarlo
	Council:	Ezio Altamura
		Thomas Gonnella
		Robert Riccardella
		Catherine Cassidy
	Borough Attorney:	Paul S. Barbire
	Borough Engineer:	Brian Intindola
	Borough Admin:	Chris Eilert
	Absent:	Diane Thornley
		Richard Carbonaro
		Dominick Azzolini

**SUNSHINE NOTICE:**

This meeting is being held in accordance with P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, and the notice requirements of the law have been met by appropriate notice being forwarded to The Record, The Herald News and Wood-Ridge Independent setting forth the date, time and place of said meeting and by posting a copy of same on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

Engineering: (Neglia)

1. DONNA RICKER FIELD

Contractor is installing batting cage netting and shot put gravel area. Track striping is scheduled for first break in the weather.

2. TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER PROJECT

Revised specifications include land area for co-location.

3. CENTER STREET

To date, 11 bidders have picked up plans and specifications. Bid opening scheduled for March 10, 2009.

4. GRANT APPLICATIONS

CDBG 2009 grant money of 40,000.0 has been awarded for Senior/Civic building.

5. 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET

PSE&G has completed gas main repair work.

6. CATCH BASIN VARIOUS LOCATIONS

NJ-EIT submission had been completed and under state review.

7. TRAFFIC CALMING

Innes Road radar sign contractor has been scheduled for Friday morning to confirm installation location.

Options for Buerson Avenue have been presented to the Traffic Committee

**General items to be discussed:**

- Cablevision - none
- Youth Day - scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup>

The following Resolution was read:

**RESOLUTION NO. #50-2009**

**Resolution Re: Authorizing the Transfer of 2008 Budget Appropriation Reserves**

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-59 provides that if, during the first three months of any fiscal year, the amount of any appropriation reserve for the immediately preceding fiscal year is insufficient to pay the claims authorized or incurred during said preceding year which were chargeable to said appropriation, and there shall be an excess in any appropriation reserves over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill its purpose, the governing body may, by resolution adopted by not less than a 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof, transfer the amount of such excess to an appropriation reserve or any appropriation in the prior budget deemed to be insufficient to fulfill its purpose or for which no reserve was provided.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing body of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, that the following transfers in the 2008 Budget Appropriation Reserves be authorized:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	
	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
General Administration		
Other Expenses	\$ 1,044	
Mayor and Council		
Salaries and Wages	384	
Other Expenses	11	
Municipal Clerk		
Salaries and Wages	56	
Other Expenses	182	
Financial Administration		
Salaries and Wages	11	
Other Expenses	2,019	
Annual Audit		\$ 43,185
Revenue Administration		
Salaries and Wages	70	
Legal Services and Costs		
Salaries and Wages	807	
Other Expenses	900	
Engineering Services and Costs		
Other Expenses	25	
Planning Board		
Other Expenses		352

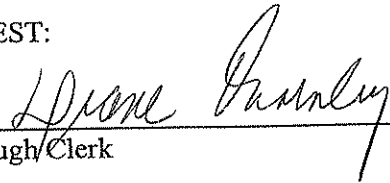
<u>Description</u>	<u>From</u>	125. <u>To</u>
Historical Commission		
Other Expenses	\$ 206	
Insurance		
General Liability Insurance	68	
Employee Group Insurance		\$ 755
Police		
Salaries and Wages	40,828	
Other Expenses	347	
Fire Department		
Other Expenses - Miscellaneous		1,390
Fire Hydrant Service	6,667	
Recycling		
Other Expenses	5,721	
Garbage and Trash Removal		25,302
Buildings and Grounds		
Other Expenses		62
Vehicle Maintenance		
Other Expenses	2,483	
Public Health Services (Board of Health)		
Salaries and Wages	24	
Recreation Services and Programs		
Salaries and Wages	185	
Other Expenses	250	
Senior Citizens		
Other Expenses		91
Celebration of Public Events		
Other Expenses		462
ADAC	53	
Municipal Court		
Other Expenses	272	
Construction Code Official		
Salaries and Wages	48	
Other Expenses	20	
Utilities		
Electricity	2,611	
Street Lighting		2,404
Telephone	287	
Gasoline	11,138	
Natural Gas		3,990
Water	1,276	
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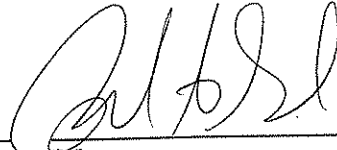
Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

ATTEST:

  
Borough Clerk

  
Mayor

Motion: Councilman Gonnella seconded by Councilman Altamura moved to approve the above the resolution.

Rollcall: Altamura yes, Gonnella yes, Riccardella yes, Cassidy yes, Carbonaro absent, Azzolini absent.

Department of Transportation will be doing construction work in the area and is asking to waive the noise ordinance. They will be starting early in the morning.

Motion: Councilman Gonnella seconded by Councilman Altamura moved to approve the above.

Rollcall: Altamura yes, Gonnella yes, Riccardella yes, Cassidy yes, Carbonaro absent, Azzolini absent.

**Tax Appeals: NONE**

**Other Legal:** Borough Attorney Barbire advised that the Sinatra litigation has been postponed until March 27<sup>th</sup>. The pistol range contracts have been prepared and were delivered to the municipalities. They are collating the 2009 tax filings for the year.

Councilman Altamura: advised they are still reviewing the Instant Verification paperwork for Recreation. Public Works/Recycling - advised the Superintendent of Public Works will be at Catherine E. Doyle School demonstrating a recycling program for the students. He also asked if on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am could they have an inspection of the DPW equipment for the public and the council, a memo will follow. Website/Technology - advised our Webmaster will be merging with other sites for approximately \$170.00 per year which will be linked into the boroughs.

Councilman Gonnella: Fire Department - advised there is a new member, his full report will be given at the Regular meeting of March 17<sup>th</sup>. Board of Health - advised their meeting is scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Councilwoman Cassidy: advised family festival day will consist of a movie.

Advised the Library board met with the Mayor and the Administrator to discuss the budget.

Mayor: Community Development - advised we received \$40,000 in grants.

**Seminar Approvals:**

- A. Initial CMR Certification Course for Deputy training for Melanie Hammer. April 6/13/20 and 27<sup>th</sup> located in Hackensack.
- B. Christopher Eilert to attend Current Fund II at Rutgers University's Bloustein School of Public Policy

in New Brunswick at a cost of \$723.00. Scheduled for Monday nights from March 30<sup>th</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Motion: Councilman Gonnella seconded by Councilwoman Cassidy moved to approve the above the Seminars.

Rollcall: Altamura yes, Gonnella yes, Riccardella yes, Cassidy yes, Carbonaro absent, Azzolini absent.

Applications:

- A. Westmoreland School PTO On-Premise Raffle, April 2, 2009 at The Fiesta.
- B. Westmoreland School PTO On-Premise 50/50, April 2, 2009 at The Fiesta.

Motion: Councilman Gonnella seconded by Councilman Riccardella moved to approve the above the Applications.

Rollcall: Altamura yes, Gonnella yes, Riccardella yes, Cassidy yes, Carbonaro absent, Azzolini absent.

Outstanding Agenda Items: NONE

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Mayor Sarlo declared the Hearing of Citizens to be open. Anyone wishing to speak please come to the microphone in front of the room and state your name and address. Please speak clearly into the microphone.

Cliff Carlson 28 Fifth Street, he read in the Independent that the employees received a 2 1/2 % raise. He was advised the DPW has a contract and non-contractual employees receive the same. He also asked if the Engineer and Administrator could speak louder.

Seeing none and hearing none further, the Mayor declared the Hearing of Citizens closed.

Mayor Sarlo advised that the snow removal cost the town a fortune this year, and hopefully we have seen the last of the snow. He commended the DPW on their great efforts. Also advised there was an incident on Way Street regarding their curb, this matter will be looked into.

Motion: Councilwoman Cassidy seconded by Councilman Riccardella moved to go into closed session at 7:30 PM.

Roll call: Altamura yes, Gonnella yes, Riccardella yes, Cassidy yes, Carbonaro absent, Azzolini absent.

TO CLOSED SESSION: (Personnel Matters)

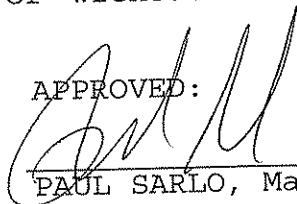
Resolution #51-2009

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that in accordance with Section 7-b of the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L.

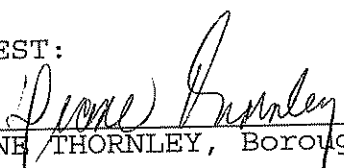
1975, a Closed Session is hereby called at 7:30 PM on March 3, 2009 to discuss Personnel Matters; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the matter so discussed will be disclosed to the public as soon as and to the extent that such disclosure can be made without adversely affecting the public interest or without violation of the confidentiality of personnel.

APPROVED:

  
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PAUL SARLO, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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DIANE THORNLEY, Borough Clerk

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING:

Motion: Councilman Gonnella seconded by Councilman Altamura moved the adoption of the above resolution and to reconvene open meeting at 7:45 PM.

Rollcall: Altamura yes, Gonnella yes, Riccardella yes, Cassidy yes, Carbonaro absent, Azzolini absent.

As a result of the Closed Session, the following resolution is to accept a stipulation of settlement with the Borough of Wood-Ridge and Mr. Montecalvo.

**EXECUTIVE MEETING, MARCH 3, 2009**

**RESOLUTION NO.: # 52-2009**

**WHEREAS**, Patrolman Jason Montecalvo has been named in a disciplinary action by his Superior Officers of the Wood-Ridge Police Department; and

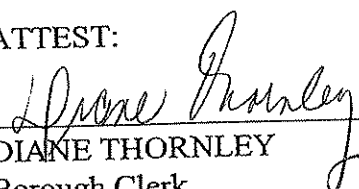
**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge have been advised by the Borough Attorney of a proposed settlement of the above referenced administrative action in accordance with the terms and provisions negotiated between the employee and employer herein and under such circumstances agrees to comply with the terms set forth in the appropriate settlement documents; and

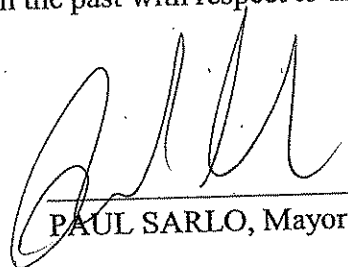
**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council have been advised that it would be in the best interest of the Borough of Wood-Ridge if the Governing Body accepted the settlement proposal as set forth hereinabove.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that settlement of the said matter be finalized by the acceptance of the settlement proposal annexed hereto and with respect thereto, the Borough Administrator and Police Chief and/or any other appropriate official is hereby authorized to perform any act in order to effectuate the purposes set forth in this Resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council hereby ratify and confirm any and all actions taken by the appropriate officials in the past with respect to the subject disciplinary proceeding.

ATTEST:

  
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 DIANE THORNLEY  
 Borough Clerk

  
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 PAUL SARLO, Mayor

Motion: Councilwoman Cassidy seconded by Councilman Altamura moved to approve the above resolution.

Rollcall: Altamura yes, Gonnella yes, Riccardella yes, Cassidy yes, Carbonaro absent, Azzolini absent.

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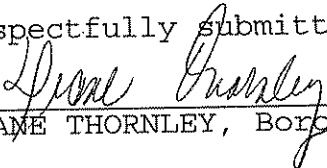
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Borough Clerk listened to the tape and also had notes from the Administrator regarding this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Gonnella seconded by Councilwoman Cassidy moved for adjournment. By unanimous vote of the members of the Council present, the Executive Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge held on March 3, 2009 was duly adjourned at 7:50P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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DIAME THORNLEY, Borough Clerk