

An Executive Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge was called to order by Council President Altamura at 7:00 PM on September 1, 2009 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 85 Humboldt Street Wood-Ridge, New Jersey.

ROLLCALL: Mayor: Paul A. Sarlo  
Council: Ezio Altamura  
Thomas Gonnella  
Catherine Cassidy  
Richard Carbonaro  
Dominick Azzolini  
Borough Engineer: Brian Intindola arrv. 7:05  
Borough Clerk: Diane Thornley  
Borough Auditor: Gary Vinci  
Absent: Paul S. Barbire  
Chris Eilert

Councilman Riccardella resigned August 27, 2009 (see page 458)

**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.

**SUSPEND REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

Motion: Councilman Azzolini seconded by Councilwoman Cassidy moved to suspend the regular order of business for:

Bond Ordinance 2009-21 on First Reading-  
**and**

Resolution #139-2009 to Amend 2009 Budget and

Resolution #140-2009 Making Application to the Local Finance Board

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

**ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING:**

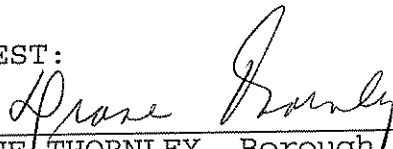
Bond Ordinance 2009-21 (Tax Appeal Refunding Bond Ordinance)

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF AMOUNTS OWING TO OTHERS FOR TAXES LEVIED IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$355,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF \$355,000 OF BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION.

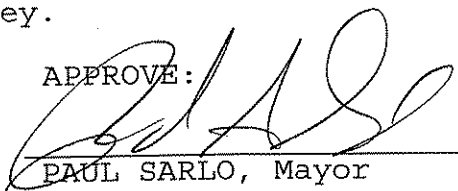
Resolution #138-2009

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that **Bond Ordinance #2009-21** entitled as above, be passed on first reading, to be published in the **Wood-Ridge Independent** on September 10, 2009 and public hearing on the Bond Ordinance to be held on October 6, 2009 at 7:00 PM or soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, in the Municipal Building, 85 Humboldt Street, Wood-Ridge, New Jersey.

ATTEST:

  
DIANE THORNLEY, Borough Clerk

APPROVE:

  
PAUL SARLO, Mayor

Motion: Councilman Altamura, seconded by Councilman Azzolini moved the introduction of Bond Ordinance #2009-21.

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

Resolution #139-2009

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**BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO.**

139-2009

**RESOLUTION RE: Resolution to Amend 2009 Budget**

**WHEREAS**, the local municipal budget for the year 2009 was approved on the 26th day of March, 2009, and

**WHEREAS**, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised, and

**WHEREAS**, it is desired to amend said approved budget,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2009 be made:

**ANTICIPATED REVENUES**

Miscellaneous Revenues

Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Division of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations

Clean Communities Grant - 2009

Total Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Division of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations

Total Miscellaneous Revenues

Subtotal General Revenues (Items 1,2,3 and 4)

Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget  
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes including Reserve for  
Uncollected Taxes

Total General Revenues

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
	-	\$ 10,841
	\$ 15,962	26,803
	2,902,670	2,913,511
	3,077,670	3,088,511
	<u>9,397,012</u>	<u>9,411,158</u>
	<u>\$ 12,474,682</u>	<u>\$ 12,499,669</u>

**APPROPRIATIONS**

Operations - Within "CAPS"

Insurance

Employee Group Health Insurance

Total Operations Within "CAPS"

Total Operations Including Contingent Within "CAPS"

Detail: Other Expenses

\$ 1,133,000	\$ 1,203,000
8,142,850	8,212,850
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3,672,300	3,742,300

**Resolution Re: Resolution to Amend 2009 Budget****APPROPRIATIONS (Continued)**

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures		
Statutory Expenditures		
Contribution to Police and Firemen's Retirement System - Early Retirement Incentive Program	\$ 24,138	\$ 25,104
Total Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures Within "CAPS"	946,485	947,451
Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Within "CAPS"	9,089,335	9,160,301
Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"		
Other Operations		
Reserve for Tax Appeals	50,000	-
Total Other Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	1,050,023	1,000,023
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues		
Clean Communities Grant - 2009	-	10,841
Total Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues	15,962	26,803
Total Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"	1,065,985	1,026,826
Detail:		
Other Expenses	1,065,985	1,026,826
Deferred Charges Excluded from "CAPS"		
Operating Deficit - Current Fund	468,611	461,791
Total Deferred Charges Excluded from "CAPS"	631,075	624,255
Total General Appropriation for Municipal Purposes- Excluded from "CAPS"	3,015,673	2,969,694
Subtotal General Appropriations	12,105,008	12,129,995
Total General Appropriations	<u>\$ 12,474,682</u>	<u>\$ 12,499,669</u>

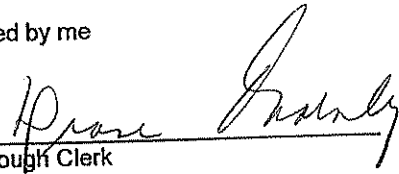
Executive Meeting, September 1, 2009

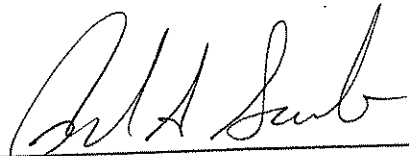
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for certification of the 2009 local municipal budget so amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this complete amendment, in accordance with NJSA 40:4-9, be published in the Record in the issue of September 4th, 2009, and that said publication contain notice of a public hearing on said amendment to be held at Borough Hall on September 15, 2009, at 7:00 PM.

It is hereby certified that this is a true copy of a resolution amending the budget, adopted by the Governing Body on the 1st day of September, 2009.

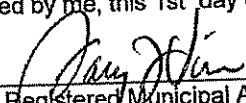
Certified by me

  
Borough Clerk

  
Mayor

It is hereby certified that the approved budget amendment annexed hereto and hereby made a part is an exact copy of the original on file with the Clerk of the Governing Body, that all additions are correct. All statements contained herein are in proof and the total of anticipated revenues equals the total of appropriations.

Certified by me, this 1st day of September, 2009

  
Registered Municipal Accountant

Motion: Councilman Azzolini seconded by Councilman Gonnella moved the approval of Resolution #139-2009 - to Amend 2009 Budget.

Discussion: Mayor Sarlo advised that he was disappointed that we did not receive any discretionary aid. He also noted that the Borough did not participate in the pension deferral program, we are fully funding it.

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

**Resolution Of The Borough of Wood-Ridge  
Making Application To The Local Finance Board  
Pursuant To N.J.S.A 40A:2-51**

Resolution # 140-2009

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge in the County of Bergen desires to make application to the Local Finance Board for its review and approval of a proposed refunding bond ordinance authorizing the issuance of tax appeal refunding bonds or notes to finance amounts for the refunding of tax appeal judgments in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2-51 and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council believes that:

- (a) it is in the public interest to accomplish such purpose; and,
- (b) said purpose or improvements are for the health, wealth, convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of the Borough of Wood-Ridge; and,
- (c) the amounts to be expended for said purpose or improvements are not reasonable or exorbitant;
- (d) the proposal is an efficient and feasible means of providing services for the needs of the inhabitants of the Borough of Wood-Ridge and will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon the Borough of Wood-Ridge;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge as follows:

Section 1. The application to the Local Finance Board is hereby approved, and the Borough's Bond Counsel and Auditor, along with other representatives of the Borough of Wood-Ridge are hereby authorized to prepare such application and to represent the Borough of Wood-Ridge in matters pertaining thereto.

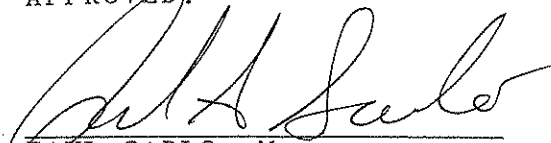
Section 2. The Borough Clerk of the Borough of Wood-Ridge is hereby directed to file a copy of the proposed ordinance and this resolution with the Local Finance Board as part of such application.

Section 3. The Local Finance Board is hereby respectfully requested to consider such application and to record its findings, recommendations and/or approvals as provided by the applicable New Jersey Statute.


Recorded Vote

AYE: 5  
 NO: 0  
 ABSTAIN: 0  
 ABSENT: 0

APPROVED:

  
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 PAUL SARLO, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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 DIANE THORNLEY, Borough Clerk

Motion: Councilman Altamura seconded by Councilwoman Cassidy moved the approval of Resolution 140-2009 - Making Application To the Local Finance Board.

Discussion: This resolution is in connection with the Bond Ordinance to cover 3 major tax appeals that would be paid over three years. The Local Finance Board requires that a Tax Appeal Refunding Ordinance be used to repay large tax appeals.

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

**RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

Motion: Councilwoman Cassidy seconded by Councilman Gonnella moved to resume regular order of business.

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

Mayor Sarlo advised the council that we received a letter from Bob Riccardella stating that he would be resigning as councilman as of August 27, 2009. He would be starting a new job that would take up most of his time.

Councilman Gonnella expressed that Bob would be missed and wishes him the best for the future.

**Engineering:** (Neglia)

1. **DONNA RICKER FIELD**

Contractor (Applied) notified of field depression east of southerly goal post. Contractor scheduled for Thursday September 3, 2009 to repair depression.

2. **TRAFFIC CALMING**

Delimiters laid out with Superintendent Gennarelli—installation scheduled this week.

3. **CENTER STREET PAVING**

Minor concrete work under consideration to address gutterline flow.

4. **10<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

Striping and signage installed this week

5. **NJDOT LOCAL AID**

Video inspection on-going.

6. **2009 COORDINATED ROAD PROGRAM**

Milling operations occurring along 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Paving scheduled distributed by Borough.

7. **LIBRARY CONCEPT PLANS**

to be completed on-site

**General items to be discussed:**

Tax Appeals: Various

Other Legal: NONE

Councilman Altamura: he advised the field house would be ready by September 1<sup>st</sup>. He would also like to bring up the 11 year old Wood-Ridge/Moonachie Little League All-Star District 5 Champions at the next council meeting. He advised council of a letter we received from Joann Carricarte thanking Mayor and Council for their Proclamation to the Susan G. Komen "tie a ribbon" campaign and in her letter asked if a council member would like to tie the first ribbon. He thought this could be done on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. Councilwoman Cassidy would reach out to speak to Mrs. Carricarte. He asked if Rich Damanski would do a brief presentation on the web-site he created for our veterans at the October Work Session.

Councilman Gonnella: advised the ceremony for 9-11 is in progress and there would also be a blood drive the same evening. Board of Health - meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Councilwoman Cassidy: advised she would handle the "tie a ribbon" project.

Councilman Carbonaro: advised there would be a zoning board meeting on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Councilman Azzolini: spoke on the school, he asked the Mayor if the High School would be cleaned up by the first day on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Mayor advised yes.

Appointments: None

Seminar Approvals: NONE

Outstanding Agenda Items: Mayor advised that we have 2 police officers transferring to the county in the month of September.

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.

Mrs. Genton 482 Innes, wanted to know when we would be

receiving our next tax bill. Mayor Sarlo advised her it would be mailed by the end of September. She also asked about the cost regarding the astroturf at the high school, she was advised the town has a two year maintenance bond contract.

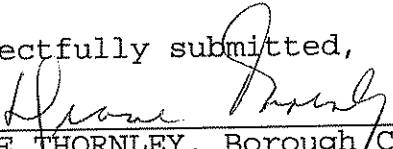
Mr. Andy Anderson 238 Wood-Ridge Street, he spoke about the speed humps on Ryerson Road. He advised people are going up Moonachie Ave and Windsor Road instead. He also advised council that he is not please with the way the high school wall was painted. This matter would be looked into.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Gonnella seconded by Councilman Carbonaro 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 September 1, 2009 was duly adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
DIANE THORNLEY, Borough Clerk