

An Executive Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge was called to order by Mayor Paul Sarlo at 7:00 PM on May 3, 2011 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 85 Humboldt Street Wood-Ridge, New Jersey.

**ROLLCALL:** Mayor: Paul A. Sarlo  
Dominick Azzolini  
Thomas Gonnella (absent)  
Catherine Cassidy  
Ezio Altamura  
Edward Marino  
Joseph DiMarco (arriv @ 7:35)  
Borough Attorney: Paul S. Barbire  
Borough Engineer: Brian Intindola  
Borough Clerk: Diane Thornley  
Borough Admin: Chris Eilert (absent)

**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 Star Ledger setting forth the date, time and place of said meeting and by posting a copy of same on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

**Engineering: (Neglia)**

Brian Intindola of Neglia Engineering explained the following two Resolutions:

#83-2011 (see page 250)

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#84-2011 (see page 251)

RESOLUTION #83-2011

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, Bergen County, New Jersey that the Plans and Specifications for paving and incidental road improvements on selected streets east of Hackensack Street as prepared by the Borough Engineer are hereby approved and accepted and the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to advertise for bids.

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PAUL A. SARLO  
Mayor

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DIANE THORNLEY  
Borough Clerk

Motion: Councilwoman Cassidy, seconded by Councilman Altamura moved the adoption of the above Resolution.

Rollcall: Azzolini yes, Gonnella absent, Cassidy yes, Altamura yes, Marino yes, DiMarco absent.

RESOLUTION #84-2011

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, Bergen County, New Jersey that the Plans and Specifications for drainage and paving improvements supported by a \$200,000 NJDOT Local Aid Grant as prepared by the Borough Engineer are hereby approved and accepted and the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to advertise for bids.

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PAUL A. SARLO  
Mayor

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DIANE THORNLEY  
Borough Clerk

Motion: Councilwoman Cassidy, seconded by Councilman Altamura moved the adoption of the above Resolution.

Rollcall: Azzolini yes, Gonnella absent, Cassidy yes, Altamura yes, Marino yes, DiMarco absent.

**General items to be discussed:**

**Proclamation**

Observe the week of May 15<sup>th</sup> through May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 as Police Week and observe May 15, 2011 as Peace Officers Memorial Day

Resolution #85-2011 (See page 253)

**Tax Appeals:** None

**Other Legal:** Borough Attorney Barbire advised that he sent out a confirming letter to the Borough Administrator of Wallington regarding the Borough owned adjacent Industrial Latex property has been cleaned up. Borough Administrator Eilert would be happy to meet with him to visit the site. Also, regarding Assumption Lease/Rider paperwork has been distributed to the Council, just waiting for further input.

Councilman Azzolini: regarding the Board of Education, he has advised that the budget has passed. Shade Tree Commission-Arbor Day, April 28<sup>th</sup> a presentation was given to the third graders at Catherine E. Doyle School. Tree seedlings were distributed to each child.

Councilwoman Cassidy: advised that Gloria Triosi from the Library Board will be retiring. They will be renaming the new Children's Reading Room after her. This will take place on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. She also handed out paperwork regarding the COPS Grant program to hire police officers. This was done in 1998. This matter will be looked into.

Councilman Altamura: reported on the Memorial Day Parade; it is moving along. Keep Wood-Ridge Beautiful is June 5<sup>th</sup>. He would like to bring up Recreation Volunteers at the May 17th meeting.

Councilman Marino: spoke on The Mayor's 5k Race. It will be held on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. He advised that Borough Administrator will be attending the meeting on consolidation of Municipal Courts. He spoke on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Regarding paving that will be done.

Councilman DiMarco: No report

Fire Department: will have 2 new members; this will be put on the meeting of May 17<sup>th</sup>.

## RESOLUTION #85-2011

Proclamation

Whereas, The Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15<sup>th</sup> as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week, and

Whereas, the members of the law enforcement agency of Wood-Ridge play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of Wood-Ridge and

Whereas, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

Whereas, the men and women of the Wood-Ridge Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service;

Now, therefore, I, Paul Sarlo, Mayor of Wood-Ridge call upon all citizens of Wood-Ridge and upon all patriotic, civil and educational organizations to observe the week of **May 15<sup>th</sup>** through **May 21<sup>st</sup>** **2011** as Police Week with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our people may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in doing so, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

I further call upon all citizens of Wood-Ridge to observe **May 15, 2011** as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Wood-Ridge to be affixed.

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PAUL A. SARLO, Mayor

Mayor: spoke on Tomorrow's Children participating in the 5K Race this year.

Train Station- advised that there will be a meeting. He has reached out to the Governor's office and they will be helping us look into various options. He advised that Avalon Bay does have a concern on this matter. Also, he thought we could add to the agenda updates on the construction at the Westmont Station.

Councilman Altamura: advised that regarding the consolidation of Municipal Courts it seems to be working very well in Little Ferry and Bogota.

Seminar Approvals: None

Outstanding Agenda Items:

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.

Mr. Howard Killen 395 Columbia Blvd. - he spoke about the tornado in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He has two children who attend school there and the entire town has been wiped out. He asked if the Borough could help out. He will be going down to Alabama this Friday and will be taking a truck load of supplies; wanted to know if any help can be given. The Mayor advised that they will give it some thought and will see what our community can do. Paul Dahl will be following up with the county on this matter as well as Susan Fratterelli from our Local Assistance Board.

Paul Dahl - brought the Mayor & Council up to date on the FEMA storms.

Andy Anderson 238 Wood-Ridge St. - He advised that after listening to Mr. Killen about the tornado in Alabama; he told the story that he was visiting his son and his family in Tennessee. They had to go into a closet until the sirens stopped. He has really taken it to heart after listening to what has happened in Alabama.

He also mentioned the Civic Center is really weather beaten. The Mayor advised that it does need a face lift.

Mr. Robert Riccadella 222 Tenth St. - he spoke on the COPS grant. He advised that it is very beneficial and asked this be considered by the Council.

Mr. Richard Martinelli 216 Tenth St. - He asked when the Civic Center was built. He was advised that it was built in 1974. He also spoke of the grant of the police department. For the first three years salaries are the lowest, but what happens after that. It's tax money. We need to watch our money.

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, Councilwoman Cassidy seconded by Councilman Azzolini 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 May 3, 2011 was duly adjourned at 7:45P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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DIANE THORNLEY, Borough Clerk