

1668TH REGULAR MEETING, MAY 9, 2006

The 1668th Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge was called to order by Mayor Paul Sarlo at \_\_\_\_\_ PM on May 9, 2006 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 85 Humboldt Street, Wood-Ridge, New Jersey.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLLCALL: Present: Mayor Sarlo  
Councilpersons: Catherine Cassidy  
Thomas Gonnella  
Robert Riccardella  
Richard Carbonaro  
Ezio I. Altamura  
Dominick Azzolini  
Borough Attorney: Paul S. Barbire  
Borough Admin. Nicholas Fargo  
Borough Clerk: Diane Thornley

Mayor Sarlo

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 North Jersey Herald News the Wood-Ridge Independent and the News Leader 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: Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_seconded by Councilperson\_\_\_\_\_ moved to suspend the regular order of business for Public Hearing on 2006 Budget.

Rollcall: Cassidy, Gonnella, Riccardella, Carbonaro, Altamura, Azzolini

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Resolution #A

RESOLUTION TO READ BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 provides the budget be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing a complete copy of the approved budget as advertised has been posted in the Borough Hall and copies have been made available by the clerk to persons requiring them; and

WHEREAS, these two conditions have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the budget be read by title only.

Motion: Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_seconded by  
Councilperson\_\_\_\_\_ moved the adoption of the above  
resolution.

Discussion:

Rollcall: Rollcall: Cassidy, Gonnella, Riccardella, Carbonaro,  
Altamura, Azzolini

**Mayor calls for a Hearing of Citizens on the 2006 Budget.**

**Mayor closes the Hearing of Citizens on the 2006 Budget.**

**RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

Motion: Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_seconded by  
Councilperson\_\_\_\_\_ moved to resume regular order of  
business.

Rollcall: Rollcall: Cassidy, Gonnella, Riccardella, Carbonaro,  
Altamura, Azzolini

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Communications and correspondence received are identified as items #1-6 of this evening's agenda and have been distributed to all council for appropriate action.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. From the Scleroderma Foundation Tri-State Chapter requesting adopting a proclamation declaring June, 2006 as Scleroderma Awareness Month. Referred to all Council, filed.
2. From Greg Gorab advising Robert Eschert has resigned from the Wood-Ridge Fire Department effective April 3, 2006. Referred to all Council, filed.
3. From Ella F. Filippone, Executive Director of the Passaic River Coalition seeking support from Mayor and Council and requesting a 2006 Membership Contribution in the amount of \$125.00. Referred to all Council, filed.
4. From the Wood-Ridge Fire Department inviting Mayor and Council to their annual Memorial Services on Wednesday, May 24, 2006 at 7:00 PM. Referred to all Council, filed.
5. From Ed Pfeifer to advise Mayor and Council of Memorial Day Program to be held on Monday, May 29, 2006. Referred to all Council, filed.
6. From Tom Sarracino advising Fabio DaSilva resigned from the Fire Department on Monday, May 1, 2006. Referred to all Council, filed.



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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.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed below are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by Council, that particular item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

1. MINUTES: Acceptance of the minutes of the  
Special Meeting of March 29, 2006  
Executive Meeting of April 4, 2006  
and Regular Meeting of April 11, 2006
  
2. RESOLUTIONS: (Adoption of the following)
  - B. Payment of Bills
  - C. Removal of handicap parking spot in front of 178 Wood-Ridge Street.
  - D. Authorizing the Sale of Lot 7 in Block 294.
  - E. Authorizing the Mayor to execute agreement with the State known as Wesmont Station Greenway project in the amount of \$3,718,078.
  - F. Application to the Local Finance Board Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq.
  - G. Authorizing submission of an application for the Wood-Ridge Municipal Alliance Grant for calendar year 2007 in the amount of \$11,500.
  - H. The Borough selects Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey as its medical and prescription insurance provider effective August 1, 2006 and authorizes and directs the Business Administrator to execute any and all necessary documents.

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- I. Approval of proposed plan by United Water to extend the water main from Passaic Street into the Wesmont Station site.
- J. Approval of proposed plan by United Water for installation of fire hydrants for Wesmont Station site.
- K. Authorize and/or ratify and confirm the actions of the Borough Attorney wherein he served and filed (and/or will serve and file) responsive pleadings and/or cross-petitions on behalf of the Borough of Wood-Ridge regarding Tax Appeals.
- L. Authorizing the Salaries, Wages and Compensation of the officers and employees of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.
- M. Temporary Capital Budget.

3. APPLICATIONS:

- A. Wood-Ridge Little League Off Premise raffle, June 10, 2006 at The Fiesta. Time Sensitive Travel to Newark for approval.

4. APPOINTMENTS:

Josh Merrill appointed to one year probationary period in the Wood-Ridge Fire Department effective May 9, 2006.

5. HIRINGS:

Ed Pfeifer, Part-time Bus Driver effective May 9, 2006 at a salary of \$16.25 per hour.

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ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

Bond Ordinance #2006-7 (Bond Ordinance to Amend in its Entirety the Bond Ordinance (Ord #2003-09))

BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND IN ITS ENTIRETY THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 2003-09) ENTITLED: "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY AND NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO APPROPRIATE A PRIVATE CONTRIBUTION AND VARIOUS GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHOIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS", ADOPTED ON AUGUST 12, 2003.

Bond Ordinance #2006-8 (Bond Ordinance to Amend in its Entirety the Bond Ordinance (Ord. #2004-05))

BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND IN ITS ENTIRETY THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 2004-05) ENTITLED: "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, A NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, AND NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,065,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE VARIUS GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS", ADOPTED ON JUNE 7,

2004.

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Resolution #

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that Bond Ordinances **#2006-7 and #2006-8** entitled as above, be passed on first reading, to be published in the Wood-Ridge Independent on May 17, 2006 and public hearing on said Bond Ordinances to be held on June 21, 2006 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, in the Municipal Building, 85 Humboldt Street, Wood-Ridge, New Jersey.

Motion: Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ moved the adoption of all matters on the above CONSENT AGENDA.

Rollcall: Cassidy, Gonnella, Riccardella, Carbonaro, Altamura, Azzolini

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING: (See Consent Agenda)

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE:

ORDINANCE #2006-4

CALENDAR YEAR 2006 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A.

40A:A-45.14

Advertisement of the above Ordinance has been made according to law and a copy of the Ordinance was posted on the Bulletin Board.

Mayor Sarlo calls for a Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2006-4

Mayor Sarlo closes Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2006-4

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Motion: Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_seconded by\_\_\_\_\_ moved the adoption of Ordinance #2006-4 on second and final reading.

Discussion:

Rollcall: Cassidy, Gonnella, Riccardella, Carbonaro, Altamura, Azzolini

Ordinance #2006-5 (Repeal of Handicap  
Parking Space on  
Hack.St.)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WOOD-RIDGE CODE SPECIFICALLY THAT SECTION SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 232 BY THE REPEAL OF SECTION 232-37F.

Advertisement of the above Ordinance has been made according to law and a copy of the Ordinance was posted on the Bulletin Board.

Mayor Sarlo calls for a Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2006-5

Mayor Sarlo closes Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2006-5

Motion: Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_seconded by\_\_\_\_\_ moved the adoption of Ordinance #2006-5 on second and final reading.

Discussion:

Rollcall: Cassidy, Gonnella, Riccardella, Carbonaro, Altamura, Azzolini

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Ordinance #2006-6 (Commercial Vehicle  
Parking)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WOOD-RIDGE CODE SPECIFICALLY THAT SECTION SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 248 BY THE MODIFICATION AND/OR ADDITION THERETO OF REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKING.

Advertisement of the above Ordinance has been made according to law and a copy of the Ordinance was posted on the Bulletin Board.

Mayor Sarlo calls for a Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2006-6

Mayor Sarlo closes Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance #2006-6

Motion: Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_seconded by\_\_\_\_\_ moved the adoption of Ordinance #2006-6 on second and final reading.

Discussion:

Rollcall: Cassidy, Gonnella, Riccardella, Carbonaro, Altamura, Azzolini

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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, Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ moved for adjournment. By unanimous vote of the members of the Council present, the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge held on May 9, 2006 was duly adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ PM.

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CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION

Resolution #B

WHEREAS there has been presented to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, the attached list of invoices requesting payment of the work, labor, services and materials supplied to the Borough, and;

WHEREAS said list and certification specify the exact line item in the Budget or Ordinance to be charged therewith;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that payment of said invoices is hereby approved and authorized and the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to draw warrants in payment thereof, same to be signed by the proper officials of the Borough, who are hereby authorized to sign same, and;

BE IT RESOLVED that certification of the Chief Financial Officer of the availability of funds therefore shall be attached to the original copy of the Resolution and both are kept in the files of the Municipal Clerk.

APPROVED:

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PAUL A. SARLO, MAYOR

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
DIANE THORNLEY, Borough Clerk

The undersigned, being the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, New Jersey, and the person charged with the responsibility of maintaining financial records of said Borough in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:4-57 and the rules of the local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey adopted thereunder, does hereby certify that there are adequate funds available for the payment of the attached list of invoices, duly adopted by said Borough, and which said list indicates the specific line item of said budget to which expenditures shall be charged.

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NICHOLAS FARGO, CFO

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Resolution #C

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, Bergen County, New Jersey upon information from the Chief of Police that the handicap parking spot in front of 178 Wood-Ridge Street be removed.

APPROVED:

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PAUL A. SARLO, Mayor

ATTEST:

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DIANE THORNLEY, Borough Clerk

**Resolution E**

**State of New Jersey Department of Environmental  
Protection Green Acres Enabling Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program NJ provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Wood-Ridge desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$3,718,078 from the State to fund the following projects: Wesmont Station Greenway at a cost of \$3,718,078.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the governing body resolves that Paul A. Sarlo or successor to the office of Mayor of Wood-Ridge is hereby authorized to:

- a) make application for such a loan and or such a grant
- b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
- c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above named applicant, and

**WHEREAS**, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is willing to use the State's funds in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above named project;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE** Borough of Wood-Ridge

1. That the Mayor of the above named body is hereby Authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment thereto with the State known as Wesmont Station Greenway project.
2. That the applicant has its matching share of the project, if a match is required, in the amount of \$3,718,078;

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3. That, in the event the State's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
4. That the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED:

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PAUL A. SARLO, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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DIANE THORNLEY, BOROUGH CLERK

Resolution #G

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Bergen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge does hereby authorize application for the Wood-Ridge Alliance grant for calendar year 2007 in the amount of \$11,500.00
2. The Mayor and Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

APPROVED:

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PAUL A. SARLO, MAYOR

I, Diane Thornley, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution duly authorized by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2006.

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DIANE THORNLEY, Borough Clerk

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Resolution #L

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALARIES, WAGES, AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council passed Ordinance #2006-03 to establish the salaries, wages and compensation of the officers and employees of the Borough of Wood-Ridge; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that Attachment "A" lists the specified positions to be compensated at an annual or hourly rate as listed, retroactive to January 1, 2006, within the salary ranges as set by Ordinance #2006-3.

APPROVED:

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PAUL A. SARLO, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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DIANE THORNLEY, BOROUGH CLERK