

**BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINTUES  
November 3, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER.**

This meeting, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, P. L. 1975, C. 231, was announced at the Reorganization Meeting held on January 4, 2010 in the Municipal Building. Notice of this meeting has been posted, and two newspapers, The Record and The Ridgewood News, have been notified.

**ROLL CALL.**

Mayor LaPaglia was on a family vacation. Council President Paul Camella asked for the Roll Call. Council members Bader, Camella, Glaser and Hoffman were present. Councilmember Baum was on a family vacation and Councilmember Rosenblatt had emergency personal business to attend to. Attorney Madaio, Administrator Sandve and Borough Clerk Sciara were also present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Camella.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

**RESOLVED**, that the Minutes of a **regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council on September 20, 2010**, copies of which have been received by all Councilpersons, are hereby approved as presented.

**ROLL CALL:**

Introduce:	Mr. Bader
Second:	Mr. Camella
Ayes:	Mr. Glaser, Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Camella, Mr. Bader
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Mr. Rosenblatt
Ineligible:	Mr. Baum

**RESOLVED**, that the Minutes of a **regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council on October 4, 2010** copies of which have been received by all Councilpersons, are hereby approved as presented.

**ROLL CALL:**

Introduce:	Mr. Hoffman
Second:	Mr. Bader
Ayes:	Mr. Camella, Mr. Bader, Mr. Hoffman
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Mr. Rosenblatt
Ineligible:	Mr. Baum, Mr. Glaser

**RESOLVED**, that the Minutes of a **regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council on October 18, 2010** copies of which have been received by all Councilpersons, are hereby approved as presented.

**ROLL CALL:**

Introduce: Mr. Glaser  
Second: Mr. Bader  
Ayes: Mr. Camella, Mr. Bader, Mr. Hoffman  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Mr. Baum, Mr. Rosenblatt  
Ineligible: Mr. Hoffman

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Due to the absence of the Mayor, there was no report given. Council President Camella congratulated the winners in this Election. Mr. Camella stated that he had great respect for those who did not win as they put themselves on the line for the Borough and spent a lot of time and effort.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**Energy Audit Update**

The borough has heard from PSE&G and has been advised that there is now some funding for the Energy Audit. An audit was conducted and there was significant savings identified. With the grants from the State and Federal government the Borough would have an out of pocket cost of \$8,025.70 for \$70,064.25 of improvements in the Borough Hall, the Police Station and Department of Public Works. The projected savings due to these improvements is \$31,688.27.

**Electric Deregulation**

Recent changes to deregulate the electric supply have led to a reduction in electric rates. We have investigated the change and the result has been a proposal to reduce the Borough's cost per kWh from the \$0.12900 currently charged by PSE&G to \$0.10640 which would result in a savings of \$14,526.53 (17.52%). Administrator Sandve stated that the Pascack Valley Administrators will discuss at their next meeting the idea of entering into a 10 town inter-local agreement to receive an even greater reduction in electric rates. The Borough Administrator will report to the Council after the Pascack Valley Administrator's have discussed this idea.

**Dental/Prescription Card**

We have investigated obtaining our dental and prescription card through Bollinger insurance. Bollinger has provided the Borough with a proposal which would provide slightly better benefits to the employees at a savings of \$10,511.52 to the Borough.

**Telecommunications**

We also had a company investigate our telecommunication costs. We received a proposal which would reduce our costs by \$7,053.88 on an annual basis. A portion of this savings may not be able to be achieved due to our current contract with one vendor which expires in August 2011. We are checking on the contract to see if there is a way out sooner.

Administrator Sandve stated that he would provide a memo and backup information for each of the aforementioned topics.

### **Front Entrance**

Construction Code Official Saluzzi and Administrator Sandve have researched the replacement of the front rolling gates with glass. It would help us in controlling the temperature of the work area and eliminate the drafts in the winter whenever the front door is opened. We had received quotes a few years ago to replace the rolling gates at approximately \$6,000. The quote received for the installation of the glass enclosures is \$2,777.32 and could be installed in approximately 4-5 weeks. Mr. Bader stated that he would like to see the product before authorizing any purchase.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

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

The Borough Administrator attended a meeting on July 1, 2010 with the resident at the intersection of Werimus Road and Woodcliff Avenue to discuss possible driveway modifications in order to accommodate this project. The resident is in the process of reviewing the information that was presented and will respond to the Borough as soon as possible.

Mr. Bader stated that he has heard that the resident at the intersection of Werimus Road and Woodcliff Avenue feels that the Borough is "forcing this modification down their throat". Administrator Sandve and Engineer Sachs stated that no one will be forced to agree to anything they do not approve of. Mr. Camella asked if the incentive to redesign their driveway in order to make it easier to enter onto Werimus Road is still in the plan. Administrator Sandve stated that it was.

#### **Intersection Improvements at Kinderkamack Road and Prospect Avenue**

The County Engineer's Office is still reviewing the concept plan based on the reduced traffic counts on record with the County to determine if dedicated left turn lanes are really required. Last discussion with the County is that they have performed another site visit and are in the process of drafting another concept plan.

#### **2010 NJDOT Pascack Valley Cooperative Pricing System for Road Paving Program**

Bids were received on October 21, 2010 in Westwood Borough Hall. Boswell McClave Engineering prepared and submitted a total bid summary and recommendation to Mr. Robert S. Hoffman, Borough Administrator for the Borough of Westwood dated October 25, 2010 advising that D&L Paving is the apparent low bidder in the amount of \$1,150,291.14.

Questions in regard to curbing were brought up by several council members. Mayor LaPaglia had previously commented that the Borough should have a curbing project where residents could contract individually with contractors performing paving in the Borough. Mr. Hoffman asked why the Borough of Hillsdale received a better price for paving on Werimus Lane than did the coop. Administrator Sandve stated he would research; however, anomalies do happen. Mr. Bader stated that the Borough should have the option to bid paving jobs ourselves and with the coop.

The paving of Brookview Drive has begun.

Mr. Hoffman questioned the timing of the signalization at the intersection of Glen and Chestnut Ridge Road. Mr. Sachs stated there could be a timer on signal that senses the flow of traffic one way or another.

## **OLD BUSINESS.**

Mr. Hoffman asked for Council comments on the Shade Tree Ordinance. This item will be on the agenda for November 22, 2010. Mr. Adam Levy, Shade Tree member will attend this meeting to address any concerns.

## **NEW BUSINESS.**

### **Introduction of Ordinance 10-09**

#### **“An Ordinance Amending Chapter 163-3 “Fees” of the Code of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake.”**

heretofore introduced, does now pass on first reading, and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day November , at 8:00 o'clock P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, at the regular meeting place of the Borough Council, and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance, and that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said Ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said Ordinance be further considered for final passage.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Introduce: Mr. Bader  
Second: Mr. Camella  
Ayes: Mr. Glaser, Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Camella, Mr. Bader  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Mr. Baum, Mr. Rosenblatt

## **PUBLIC FORUM.**

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

**Kevin O'Brien, 227 Pascack Road** stated that the Train Station had been a project of Mrs. Heinemann's in 2003, Mrs. Howley's in 2009 and now Mr. Hoffman's in 2010. Mr. O'Brien handed Mr. Hoffman information he received from New Jersey Transit on the Adopt a Station program. Mr. O'Brien stated that there was a meeting at the Court House with Judge Conte. The OPRA lawsuit will be scheduled for trial in December.

**Rick Stabile, Waldwick, New Jersey** stated that he was told the assignment and assumption of developer's agreement would be on the Agenda tonight for the Mayor and Council's approval. Administrator Sandve stated that the agreement was still in attorney possession. Mr. Stabile was informed that there was a special Mayor and Council meeting scheduled for November 9, 2010. If the agreement was received by then, it would be on the Agenda for discussion/approval.

\_\_\_\_\_. 8 Terry Court is a recent graduate of Pascack Hills High School. He thanked this Mayor and Council for the initiative to petition the State to approve a more equitable school funding formula. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ hopes to attend law school and upon graduation, return to live in Woodcliff Lake. He hopes that all monies available are used for the best education Woodcliff Lake can provide to their student residents.

Kevin O'Brien, 227 Pascack Road thanked the Borough and Mr. Saluzzi for the removal of the dead tree on Pascack Road. Mr. O'Brien asked about the approval for release of the closed session minutes deferred from the last meeting. Mr. O'Brien was told that the minutes had been released for public review at an earlier portion of the meeting.

Alex Estaban, 45 Indian Drive stated that he does not feel that the school funding formula will be changed anytime soon. Mr. Bader stated that he disagreed and there might be some negotiations available in the future. "Everything" is still on the table". Administrator Sandve stated that since the referendum in September, four other towns interested in changing the funding formula have called him for information. Mr. Estaban asked for more information on the court consolidation between Montvale, Park Ridge and Woodcliff Lake.

Michael Struk, Woodcliff Lake asked for more information on road paving. Administrator Sandve briefly explained the Pascack Valley Cooperative and that the real savings is in engineering fees. On behalf of the coop, Administrator Sandve does the engineering free of charge.

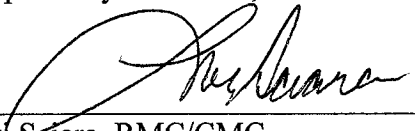
Motion to accept the Consent Agenda as amended was made by Mr. Bader, second by Mr. Camella.

**ROLL CALL:**

Introduce: Mr. Bader  
Second: Mr. Camella  
Ayes: Mr. Glaser, Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Camella, Mr. Bader  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Mr. Baum, Mr. Rosenblatt

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bader, second by Mr. Camella and approved unanimously by voice call vote. The time is 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Lori Sciara, RMC/CMC  
Borough Clerk

**Payroll.****(Consent Agenda – 1)**

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

Payroll released 10/29/10	\$161,979.07
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**Authority to Pay Claims.****(Consent Agenda - 2)**

**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:

<b>Current Fund</b>	<b>\$ 2,356,239.54</b>
<b>Capital</b>	<b>11,425.17</b>

**Resolution Authorizing a Refund of Overpaid Taxes Caused by Tax court Judgment Docket No. 009152-2007 for the Year 2007****(Consent Agenda - 3)**

**WHEREAS**, the owners of Block 2701 Lot 5 and Block 2702 Lot 1, 150 and 160 Broadway, Woodcliff Lake, NJ has been successful in their appeal to the Tax Court of New Jersey and having agreed upon a settlement adjusting their assessed value as follows:

**BLOCK 2701 LOT 5 (160 BROADWAY)**

<u>2007 Assessment from Tax Duplicate</u>	<u>Tax Court Judgment</u>
309,200.00 Land	309,200.00 Land
278,000.00 Improvements	262,600.00 Improvements
587,200.00 Total Improvements	571,800.00 Assessment
11,62.56 Taxes paid	11,321.64 Taxes

Refund Due \$304.92

**BLOCK 2702 LOT 1 (150 BROADWAY)**

<u>2008 Assessment from Tax Duplicate</u>	<u>Tax Court Judgment</u>
427,500.00 Land	415,900.00 Land
12,300.00 Improvements	12,300.00 Improvements
439,800.00 Total Assessment	396,100.00 Total Assessment
8,708.04 Taxes paid	8,478.36 Taxes paid

Refund Due \$229.68

Total Refund on Both Properties \$534.60

**WHEREAS**, this has resulted in their overpaying their property tax for the year 2007 in the amount of \$534.60; and

**WHEREAS**, they have been awarded this judgment and therefore are entitled to a refund.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake, that the CFO be authorized to refund the overpayment of \$534.60 for the year 2007 to the owner of record Oritani Savings and Loan Ass'n.

Mail voucher to:  
Oritani Savings and Loan Ass'n  
379 Pascack Road  
P.O. Box 1329  
Washington Twsp, NJ 07676-1329

**2010 Budget Transfers for November 3, 2010 meeting**  
**(Consent Agenda - 4)**

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
ADMINISTRATION - OTHER EXPENSES	0-01-20-100-053	5,000.00	
MAYOR AND COUNCIL - OTHER EXPENSES	0-01-20-110-041		5,000.00
LIBRARY - OTHER EXPENSES	0-01-20-100-058	5,000.00	
LIBRARY - OTHER EXPENSES	0-01-29-390-225	5,000.00	
TAX ASSESSMENT - OTHER EXPENSES	0-01-20-150-105	10,000.00	
ENGINEERING - OTHER EXPENSES	0-01-20-165-029		20,000.00
BOARD OF HEALTH - SALARIES AND WAGES	0-01-27-330-011	6,000.00	
RECREATION - OTHER EXPENSES	0-01-28-370-020	6,000.00	
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS - OTHER EXPENSES	0-01-26-310-029		12,000.00
LANDFILL DISPOSAL COSTS	0-01-32-465-230	10,000.00	
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	0-01-26-315-020		10,000.00
SOLID WASTE - OTHER EXPENSES	0-01-26-305-020	10,000.00	
SEWER - OTHER EXPENSES	0-01-31-455-020		10,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>57,000.00</b>	<b>57,000.00</b>