**BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE**

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL AGENDA**

**February 1, 2012**

**8:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**.

Notice of this meeting, in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Law, l975, C. "23l", has been posted and two newspapers, The Record and The Ridgewood News, have been notified.

**ROLL CALL**.

Mayor Jeffrey R. Goldsmith

Councilwoman Donna Abene

Councilman Jeffrey Bader

Councilman Kenneth Baum

Councilman John Glaser

Councilman Robert Rosenblatt

Councilman Michael Struk

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**.

**APPOINTMENT.**

**(MAYOR)** I appoint Jake Kostman, Greg Kahane and Erica Kunezl as volunteer videographers until such time a final decision has been made by the Council as to how the Borough will air Mayor and Council meetings for the public to view.

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**(MAYOR)** I appoint Thomas Van Dam, as Special Counsel to the Affordable Housing Board for a term ending December 31, 2012.

**RESOLVED** that this appointment is confirmed.

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**PRESENTATION**

Mrs. Lauren Barbalet, Superintendent of Woodcliff Lake Schools

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

**RESOLVED,** that the Minutes of the **2012 Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council** copies of which have been received by all Councilpersons, are hereby approved as presented but not yet ready for release to the public. (Pulled by Mr. Bader 1-19-12)

Abene Bader Baum Glaser Rosenblatt Struk **Goldsmith**

**RESOLVED,** that the Minutes of an **executive session of the Mayor and Council** **held on January 7, 2012** copies of which have been received by all Councilpersons, are hereby approved as presented but not yet ready for release to the public. (pulled by Mr. Bader 1-19-12)

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**RESOLVED,** that the Minutes of a  **Meeting of the Mayor and Council on January 19, 2012** copies of which have been received by all Councilpersons, are hereby approved as presented but not yet ready for release to the public.

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**ENGINEER’S REPORT**

- Intersection Improvements at Woodcliff Avenue and Werimus Road

- 2012 NJDOT Pascack Valley Cooperative Pricing System for Road Paving Program (Highview Avenue)

- Intersection Improvements to Chestnut Ridge Road and Saddle River Road (Bergen County Project)

- Woodcliff Lake Dam Project (United Water)

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

**2012 Goals & Objectives of the Mayor and Council**

As requested, we have been formulating the 2012 Goals & Objectives for the Mayor and Council throughout January. All Councilmembers have submitted their preliminary goals to me and the list has been “refined” and sent to Councilmembers for priority ranking. An update will be provided at the February 1st meeting.

**Municipal Alliance**

Under separate memorandum to the governing body, we indicated that a Resolution was before the governing body at the January 19th meeting authorizing submission of an application for the Woodcliff Lake Municipal Alliance Grant for calendar year 2012 in the amount of $10,356.00.

**Hilton Tax Appeal**

Various CONFIDENTIAL memorandums have been distributed to the Mayor and Council on this matter.

**Requisition System (memo issued last month) –** We have implemented the new requisition program this month. The new Requisition Program will complement and strengthen our existing purchasing procedure.

**Broadway and Woodcliff Ave Widening Project**

As you know the Broadway road widening project has been underway for several weeks. The project is nearly complete and activation of the signalization is anticipated shortly. The construction of the traffic signal was completed at the end of November, 2011. All the construction issues, that were Bergen County responsibility, as discussed at the August 2, 2011 Diagnostic Team meeting were addressed. Specifically: 1, the crosswalk across Broadway at the northerly corner of Highview Avenue was eliminated and new ADA compliant ramps and a crosswalk were established at the southerly corner of Highview Avenue. This crossing will enable pedestrians to cross at the traffic signal equipped with a countdown pedestrian signal activated by a pedestrian push-button. A new sidewalk provides access down to the track crossing. The steps down to the tracks at the old location will be eliminated, a new fence will be installed along the westerly curbline of Broadway to direct pedestrians to the new crossing, and a pedestrian gate on the westerly side of the tracks will be installed by NJ Transit on their time schedule. This work was done to redirect the NJ Transit ridership to a safer crossing location as requested by NJ Transit. 2. A curb was installed along the westerly side of Broadway to direct the storm water flow from Highview Avenue and Broadway to the basin on Broadway, and thence around the corner to another basin on Woodcliff Avenue. This was done to address the comments raised by NJ Transit about the erosion of the slope down to the tracks in this area. 3. A northbound left turn lane from Broadway onto Woodcliff Avenue was created to allow for an actuated northbound left and through leading phase. This was done for signal efficiency in directing the anticipated 4,000-5,000 additional vehicles using the intersection as a detour when Church Street is closed in March for the dam reconstruction project by United Water.

The traffic signal is currently “bagged” and not in operation. Bergen County is awaiting the design and implementation of protective circuitry within the NJ Transit bungalow to be completed by NJ Transit. This circuitry provides the RR pre-emption co-ordination of the County traffic signal and the NJ Transit RR signal. This work is anticipated to be completed by NJ Transit by mid-February. After such time, the traffic signal will be unbagged, put into flash operation for a few days, and thence turned onto ‘stop and go’ operation in time for the commencement of the Church Street dam project.

We have asked the County Engineer to inquire about the timing for the signalization activation and have been notified by NJ Transit that they are currently doing the circuit design, which then has to be checked...these plans are needed before field work can start.  They indicate they may need software revisions at one location and possibly a few not so off the shelf parts; *with a completion date not before mid-February***.**

**Tice Boulevard Mill & Pave Project**

**As you know, Tice Boulevard was scheduled to receive new curb cuts and be milled and paved in late 2011. Following an early delay, the curb work/cuts have been completed, however, the milling and paving has not yet occurred. This portion of the project will be completed in early Spring 2012 (separate memo distributed).**

**Library Membership**

As was reported by Councilman Rosenblatt, we have been notified that the Board members of the Hillsdale Free Public Library have agreed to lower the membership fee for Woodcliff Lake residents from $450.00 per family to $275.00 per family – the authorized allowable reimbursement amount for WCL residents wishing to join area libraries.

**Insurance/Safety Meeting with Burton/Kanwisher Agency**

Councilman Glaser, Councilwoman Abene and I met with our Risk Manager, Burton/Kanwisher on Tuesday, January 10th . A review and discussion of our insurance policies took place. We also identified a need to include the Woodcliff Lake Senior Citizen Association under our general liability insurance.

**Recycled Waste Vegetable Oil Pilot Project**

Our Recycled Waste Vegetable Oil Pilot Project is progressing very well.

**Bergen County Community Development**

I attended the January 23, 2012 BC Community Development Pascack Valley Region meeting. Councilman Bader will report on this meeting. Minutes attached.

**Shared Services Committee**

I attended the Shared Services Committee meeting on January 25th with Councilwoman Donna Abene, Dana Cassell and Warren Feldman.

**Affordable Housing Committee**

I attended the Affordable Housing Committee meeting on January 25th with Councilwoman Donna Abene, Robert Friegberg, Cheryl Zega.

**OLD BUSINESS.**

* Discussion of 2012 goals and objectives spreadsheet and scoring
* Report from Technology Committee on taping Mayor and Council meetings/meeting with Cablevision

**NEW BUSINESS.**

* Discussion of new legislation on school board election date (K. Baum)

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**Motion to open to the public** **Motion to close to the public**

Abene Bader Abene Bader

Baum Glaser Baum Glaser

Rosenblatt Struk Rosenblatt Struk

Goldsmith Goldsmith

**CONSENT AGENDA DISCUSSION.**

**CONSENT AGENDA VOTE.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**CONSENT AGENDA – February 1, 2012**

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5. Resolution Authorizing Stipulation of Settlement Between Barbara S. Smith, Block 1906, Lot 3.01 and Lot 3.02, 197 Pascack Road and the Borough of Woodcliff Lake, Docket No. 000205-2009, **page** **7,8**

**RESOLVED,** that the Consent Agenda is hereby approved as presented.

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**CLAIMS AND BILLS**.

**Authority to Pay Claims**. **(Consent Agenda - 1)**

**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:

Current Fund: $ 2,914,505.06

Animal Fund $ 1,615.00

Capital Fund $ 837.76

Trust $ 50.00

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**Payroll**  **(Consent Agenda-2)**

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

Payroll released $ 165,496.83

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**Resolution Authorizing Release of Escrow Balance (Consent Agenda-3)**

**WHEREAS,** A request has been made for the release of the escrow balances with respect to the following in the Borough of Woodcliff Lake:

**Ralph Douglas**

**53 Glen Road**

**Woodcliff Lake**

**Escrow Release**

**$13.00**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Construction Official has confirmed that all is satisfactory and has recommended that the escrow balances be released;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that in accordance with the recommendation of the above, the Mayor and Council does hereby authorize the release of the escrow balances in the amount of **$13.00 i**n connection with the aforementioned.

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF OVERPAID TAXES CAUSED BY A TAX COURT JUDGEMENT FOR THE YEAR 2010 Appeal # 015937-2010**

**(Consent Agenda-4)**

**WHEREAS**, The owners of Block 1206 Lot 7, Mazawey, Richard, 19 Hunter Ridge Road, Woodcliff Lake, N.J. was successful in their appeal to the County Tax Board New Jersey and have won a Judgment adjusting their assessed value for the year 2010.

**WHEREAS,** this has resulted in their overpaying their property tax for year of 2010 in the amount of $2731.13 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 $2731.13 to Mazaway, Richard, c/o Strandriff, D. Esq.

Mail check to:

Mazawey, Richard,c/o Strandriff, D. Esq.

1200 East Ridgewood Ave. Parkview Plaza

Ridgewood , NJ 07450

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**Resolution Authorizing Stipulation of Settlement Between Barbara S. Smith, Block 1906, Lot 3.01 and Lot 3.02, 197 Pascack Road and the Borough of Woodcliff Lake, Docket No. 000205-2009 (Consent Agenda-5)**

**WHEREAS,** it is hereby stipulated and agreed that the assessment of the following property (ies) be adjustment and a judgment be entered as follows:

Block: 1906

Lot: 3.01

Street Address: 197 Pascack Road

Year: 2007

Block: 1906

Lot: 3.02

Street Address: 197 Pascack Road

Year: 2007

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|  | **2007 Original**  **Assessment** |  | **2007 Requested Tax Court Judgment** |
| **Block 1906, Lot 3.01** |  |  |  |
| Land | $239,300.00 |  | $0.00 |
| Improvements |  |  | $0.00 |
| Total |  |  | **$0.00** |
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| **Block 1906, Lot 3.02** |  |  |  |
| Land | $223,700.00 |  | $239,600.00 |
| Improvements | $298,600.00 |  | $298,600.00 |
| Total | $522,300.00 |  | **$538,200.00** |

2. The requested Tax Court Judgment reflects a correction of error of the 2006/2007 un-perfected subdivision of the aforementioned properties that affected the 2007 tax roll only.

3. The provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:51A-8 (Freeze Act) shall not apply.

4. This is a one (1) year adjustment only.

5. Based upon the foregoing, the undersigned represent to the court that the above settlement will result in a permissible correction of error and will result in the fair assessable value of the properties.

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